

Minutes

Confirmation of minutes:

13 February 2024
(Public part of the meeting)

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Strategy Committee held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 beginning at 10.00am in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown.

Present

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

In Attendance

Mr David Wallace (General Manager Planning & Development), Mr Geoffrey Everitt (Policy Planner GIS Lead), Ms Anita Vanstone (Strategic Growth Manager), Ms Emily Irwin (Strategic Planner), Ms Liz Simpson (Strategic Planner Future Development), Ms Alyson Hutton (Planning Policy Manager), Ms Katie Russell (Intermediate Policy Planner), Ms Gabrielle Marsh (Spatial Plan Project Manager), Ms Fiona Blight (Manager Resource Consents), Mrs Mary Davenport (Associate Council) Mr Jon Winterbottom (Governance Team Leader) and Miss Sarah Bradey (Governance Advisor)

Apologies

No apologies were received

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations of Conflicts of interest

Public Forum

There were no speakers registered for the public forum.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Confirmation of Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Cocks and Councillor White it was agreed that the agenda be confirmed without alteration.

Confirmation of Public Minutes

On the motion of Councillor Barlett and Councillor Wong it was agreed that the public minutes of the meeting on 14 December 2023 be confirmed without alteration.

1. Changes to the District Plan required to implement the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry (NES-CF)

The purpose of this report was to outline amendments to be made to the Proposed District Plan (PDP) and Operative District Plan (ODP) to give effect to the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry 2023 (NES-CF) which came into force on 3 November 2023.

Mr Geoffrey Everitt (Policy Planner GIS Lead) presented the report and answered questions.

Questions were asked whether there will there be two different definitions of forestry, what the time frame for implementing the NES-CF is, how this report impacts the delivery timeline of the District Plan, whether forestry was in the District Plan previously, and the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle.

There was discussion on changing the definition of forestry if this would be updated in the District Plan and whether adding a new definition would cause confusion. Staff commented that this is a valid point with respect to commercial forestry versus forestry. The team will look into the implications before changes are made and will do as the NES-CF requires. Staff indicated that they could bring the proposed changes to the next committee meeting.

On the motion of Councillor Wong and Seconded by Councillor Bruce it was resolved that the Planning & Strategy Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report**
- 2. Note that the National Environment Standards for Commercial Forestry (NES-CF) came into force on 3 November 2023 and amends the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry (NES-PF); and**
- 3. Note that the changes to the Proposed District Plan and the Operative District Plan (Attachment A) will be made so these Plans are consistent**
- 4. The policy team will report back to the Planning & Strategy Committee if further changes are required to the district plan(s) to ensure plan integrity, prior to the plans being updated.**

2. Strategic Growth Update

This report provided an update on progress on the implementation of the Queenstown Lakes Spatial Plan 2021 (QLSP 21) and the Joint Housing Action Plan (JHAP) and the development of the Queenstown Lakes Spatial Plan Gen 2.0.

Ms Anita Vanstone (Strategic Growth Manager), Ms Emily Irwin (Strategic Planner) and Ms Liz Simpson (Strategic Planner Future Development) presented the report and responded to questions on how many staff are in the Strategic Growth team, whether staff are working with the government, whether other councils have this type of partnership set up with government, whether there is any low hanging fruit or if all the pillars are challenging, and whether the monitoring report is quarterly.

On the motion of Councillor Cocks and Seconded by Councillor White it was resolved that the Planning & Strategy Committee:

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

3. Te Tapuae/Southern Corridor Structure Plan Update

This report provided an update on the Te Tapuae / Southern Corridor Structure Plan process.

Ms Anita Vanstone (Strategic Growth Manager), Ms Alyson Hutton (Planning Policy Manager), Ms Katie Russell (Intermediate Policy Planner) and Ms Gabby March (Spatial Plan Project Manager) presented the report and responded to questions on whether there is a separate infrastructure plan, how this work links into the Long Term Plan, and what the timeframe for procuring a consultant is.

On the motion of Councillor Bruce and Seconded by Councillor Barret it was resolved that the Planning & Strategy Committee:

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Resolution to Exclude the Public

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

It is 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: |
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| Draft Planning & Strategy Committee minutes 14 December 2024 | <p><i>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:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain legal professional privilege • enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) | <p>Section 7(2)(g) Section 7(2)(i)</p> |

Agenda Items:

- Item 4: Update of Proposed District Plan Appeals
- Item 5: Update on Resource Consent Appeals

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| <p>Item 4: Update on Proposed District Plan 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"> enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) | <p>Section 7(2)(i)</p> |
| <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"> maintain legal professional privilege | <p>Section 7(2)(g)</p> |

This recommendation is 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 11.33am

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date