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# Strategy Committee

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Horowhenua District Council Strategy Committee held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 15 August 2018 at 4.00 pm.

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### PRESENT

**Acting Chair** Mrs J F G Mason  
**Councillors** Mr W E R Bishop  
Mr R J Brannigan  
Mr R H Campbell  
Mr N G Gimblett  
Mr B F Judd  
Mrs C B Mitchell  
Ms P Tukapua  
Mr B P Wanden

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Strategy & Development)
Mrs N Brady	(Group Manager – Customer & Regulatory Services)
Mr D Haigh	(Growth Response Manager)
Mrs L Winiata	(Community Engagement Manager)
Mr I McLachlan	(Risk Management Lead)
Ms T Hayward	(Communications Advisor)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

### MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms J Baalbergen (“Chronicle”)

### PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were two members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

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## 1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Mayor Feyen and Cr Kaye-Simmons.

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Campbell:

*THAT the apologies from Mayor Feyen and Cr Kaye-Simmons be accepted.*

**CARRIED**

## 2 Public Participation

Christina Paton 7.1 Development Contributions and Financial Contributions  
7.2 Growth Response Projects Update

## 3 Late Items

Whilst not a late item, with the leave of the meeting it was agreed that Item 8.1 Horowhenua 2040 Strategy Update would be brought forward on the Agenda and would be the first item addressed.

## 4 Declaration of Interest

Deputy Mayor Bishop declared an interest in relation to 7.1 Development Contributions and Financial Contributions – Discussion Paper.

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Deputy Mayor Bishop:

*THAT the Open & In Committee minutes of the meeting of the Strategy Committee held on Wednesday, 4 July 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**CARRIED**

## 6 Announcements

There were no announcements; however in relation to Report 17/636 – Development Contributions & Financial Contributions – Discussion Paper, Mr Clapperton noted corrections in the figures in the table on page 13.

## 8 Customer and Regulatory Services

### 8.1 Horowhenua 2040 Strategy Update

#### Purpose

To present the Strategy Committee with an update on the Horowhenua 2040 Strategy.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bishop, seconded Cr Tukapua:

*THAT Report 18/473 Horowhenua 2040 Strategy Update be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

**CARRIED**

Prefacing her presentation with the fact that her two daughters were the fifth generation of her family to live in the Horowhenua which highlighted her connection

and commitment to this district, Mrs Brady gave a PowerPoint presentation which gave a background to the refreshment and alignment of Horowhenua 2030 (which had been developed to identify projects which had a strong strategic fit within New Zealand's future direction and any subsequent Central government policy and/or investment decisions), to Horowhenua 2040 following the 20 year Long Term Plan process that Council had just undertaken. She noted the three priority areas that had been identified: People; Community and Place and the priorities that underpinned those areas

With the aspirations of the Strategy being bigger than the funding mechanisms of Council, Mrs Brady spoke about Central Government's Provincial Growth Fund through which it had committed to investing \$3 billion over three years in regional economic development to enhance economic development opportunities, create sustainable jobs, enable Māori to reach full potential, boost social inclusion and participation, build resilient communities, and help meet New Zealand's climate change targets. Mrs Brady then outlined how Council would look to access some of that funding to meet its 2040 aspirations.

At the conclusion of her presentation, pupils from Levin East School gave a moving rendition of a song "Whakapono" (written for them by Council's Customer Experience Manager, Aroha Pakau), which was followed by a further song "Matariki" in which they were joined by Council's Waiata Group.

Mrs Brady then responded to queries from Councillors which included how this sat in relation to Accelerate 25, with Mr Clapperton also noting that this was a great opportunity to synergise back to Accelerate 25 and with Mrs Brady having created a framework to work within in terms of the great things that were available in the Horowhenua, if it was done judiciously there was the potential to get a high level of funding support from Central Government.

Having declared an interest in the following item, Deputy Mayor Bishop withdrew from the table.

## 7 Executive

### 7.1 Development Contributions and Financial Contributions - Discussion Paper

#### Purpose

To provide Council with background information on Development Contributions and Financial Contributions.

#### Public Participation

Speaking to both 7.1 Development Contributions and Financial Contributions – Discussion Paper, and 9.1 Growth Response Update, Mrs Paton stressed the need to have a water sustainability included, particularly with the growth that was being predicted for the district. She suggested including Development Contributions in any development agreements and in terms of 9.1 and the Horowhenua Growth Strategy 2040, Mrs Paton said she was pleased to see the liquefaction and flood hazard risk included for potential growth areas..

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Gimblett:

*THAT Report 17/636 on Development Contributions and Financial Contributions - Discussion Paper be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

**CARRIED**

Mr Clapperton, speaking to the Discussion Paper, said this was a scene setter for work that would be undertaken over the next six months or so. It had been signalled prior to last Christmas that Development Contributions (DCs) would be looked as a potential source of income, but Council had had to understand what the growth-related infrastructure requirements would be over the next 10-20 years before undertaking that work as DCs could not be collected if there was no growth component. It was also not just about DCs, but other funding mechanisms that may be available to Council needed to be explored. He outlined what the work to be undertaken would entail and what could and could not be included in terms of seeking funding from the Provincial Growth Fund.

Councillors' queries and comments covered:

- the previous DC regime that had been discontinued in 2015;
- looking at what other territorial local authorities were doing in terms of DCs;
- understanding the legislative changes in relation to DCs;
- understanding the difference between DCs and Financial Contributions;
- the need for the issue to be well researched so Elected Members could make a well informed decision; and
- any policy needed to be easy to understand and easy to administer.

Deputy Mayor Bishop re-joined the table.

## 9 Strategy and Development

### 9.1 Growth Response Projects Update

#### Purpose

To provide a status update on the Growth Response work programme with a focus on providing up to date information on current key projects and planning.

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Cr Wanden:

*THAT Report 18/430 Growth Response Projects Update be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

**CARRIED**

Requesting his report be taken as read, Mr Haigh acknowledged the comments made by Mrs Paton saying that these had validated the work that had been and was being done, and whilst the primary focus for the Growth Strategy was around the availability of land, looking at risk, and the ability to provide services, the issue of a sustainable water supply was not being overlooked.

Mr Haigh particularly highlighted the increased focus on Gladstone Green and the status of O2NL which were also a focus for Elected Members in their queries and comments.

5.43 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....