

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Strategy Committee held on Tuesday 30 July 2024 beginning at 10.00am in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown.

Present

Councillor Lyal Cocks (Chair), Councillor Gavin Bartlett, Councillor Barry Bruce, Councillor Quentin Smith, Councillor Melissa White and Councillor Matt Wong

In Attendance

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

Apologies

There were no apologies

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no Conflicts of interest

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 Chair Cocks and Councillor Bartlett it was agreed that the agenda be confirmed without alteration.

Confirmation of Public Minutes

On the motion of Councillor Bartlett and Chair Wong it was agreed that the public minutes of the meeting on 7 May 2024 be confirmed without alteration.



1. Strategic Growth Update

The report author was Ms Anita Vanstone (Strategic Growth Manager). Ms Vanstone, Ms Gabrielle Marsh (Spatial Plan Project Manager) and Ms Emily Irwin (Strategic Planner) presented the report. Staff outlined that the Spatial Plan Monitoring Report is from May and project updates are slightly out of date, and took the report as read.

The report provided a progress update on the implementation of the Queenstown Lakes Spatial Plan 2021 (QLSP 2021), the development of Te Tapuae / Southern Corridor structure plan, the Joint Housing Action Plan (JHAP) and the development of the Queenstown Lakes Spatial Plan Gen 2.0.

Ms Vanstone, Ms Marsh and Ms Irwin responded to questions on what the Hāwea Infrastructure Acceleration Fund design options are, whether there was an update on the A8 or A7 Active Travel Route funding, where the alternative funding for the carbon zero road map and the optimal visitation project is coming from, whether there is any indication of the current Government buying into the spatial plan partnership, what the outcomes would be if the Government bought in, whether staff could comment on the Government announcements around growth expectations, what signal would it give if Government choose not to attend the joint meeting of the Partnership Governance Group, the next date of the Partnership Governance Group meeting, and clarification of the key milestone comment “the first Land Parcels are expected to go to Council in 2024” on page 24 of the report.

There was a comment on the red, amber and green status tracking being misleading, which led to discussion on the red, amber, green tracking system. Staff explained that this system was agreed by the Grow Well Whaiora Partnership Steering Group as the QLSP Monitoring report is created for them, that the status each project is given is explained at the start of the report and going forward there will be alignment within Council on the newly created tracking system by the Business Process team. Staff reminded members that due to the report being from May there will have been further updates to the projects which aren't captured within this report, are open to feedback on this tracking system and clarified that risk will be highlighted more in the tracking system going forward.

Councillor Barry Bruce joined at 10.16am.

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

1. Note the contents of this report

Motion carried unanimously



2. PDP Updates and Other Key Projects

The report author Ms Alyson Hutton (Manager Planning Policy) 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.

Ms Hutton provided updates on the special zones review, Gorge Road hazards, Glenorchy natural hazards, housing and business capacity analysis, proposed Otago Regional Policy statement, and outstanding Environment Court appeals.

Mr Wallace commented that the Planning Policy Team has been under a lot of pressure and acknowledged their work.

Ms Hutton responded to questions on the timeline for the staged District Plan review, whether officers are under pressure doing this resource heavy process, and whether other district plan reviews are as complex as the Council's.

Ms Hutton clarified the landscape schedule dates for Upper Clutha Landscapes are incorrect. Officers are currently working on making parts of the Proposed District Plan operative.

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

- 1. Note the contents of this 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 Wong 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:
Draft Planning & Strategy Committee minutes 7 May 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)</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i)</p>

Agenda Items:

Item 4: Update of Proposed District Plan Appeals

Item 5: Update on Resource Consent Appeals



<p>Item 3: 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><i>Reason for this 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>	<p>Section 7(2)(i)</p>
<p>Item 4: 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><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>

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 10.52am

Confirmed as a true and correct record:



Chair



Date