



MINUTES

**Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee
Meeting**

Monday, 15 August 2022

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGY, FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BOP REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, REGIONAL HOUSE, 1 ELIZABETH
STREET, TAURANGA ON MONDAY, 15 AUGUST 2022 AT 2pm**

PRESENT: Commission Chair Anne Tolley, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Commissioner Stephen Selwood, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Ms Matire Duncan, Mr Te Pio Kawe, Ms Rohario Murray, Mr Bruce Robertson

IN ATTENDANCE: Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Jeremy Boase (Manager: Strategy & Corporate Planning), Ruth Woodward (Team Leader: Policy), Sharon Herbst (Policy Analyst), Sam Fellows (Manager: Sustainability and Waste), Josh Logan (Waste Planning Manager), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy Services), Robyn Garrett (Team Leader: Committee Support), Sarah Drummond (Committee Advisor), Anahera Dinsdale (Committee Advisor), Janie Storey (Committee Advisor)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Provided as part of the preceding Council meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SFR8/22/1

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the apology for absence from Dr Wayne Beilby be received and accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

8 BUSINESS

8.1 Hearings for Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy

Staff Sharon Herbst, Policy Analyst
Ruth Woodward, Team Leader: Policy
Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy Growth and Governance

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SFR8/22/2

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee:

- a) Receives the written submissions on the draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy (**Attachment 2**).
- b) Receives the verbal submissions from those submitters who wish to speak to their submission.

CARRIED

The following members of the public spoke to their submission to the draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy.

(1) Submission 110 – Roz Irwin, Fashion Island Shopping Centre

Key points

- Ms Irwin introduced herself and gave an overview of her role to the Committee; she noted that there were 16 tenancies at Fashion Island on Gravatt Road which represented global brands, and included both landlords and tenants.
- Fashion Island would like the current policy to remain in place.
- Trading on Sunday in the previous five years had increased. Trading in the current year showed a 10% increase to date and data showed many of the customers over the Easter period were visitors from places like Rotorua, Hamilton and Auckland.
- There had been a marked impact on tenants and landlords during the Covid epidemic shutdowns, this problem was still ongoing and had impacted on sales revenue.
- Ms Irwin noted that while it was not compulsory for stores to open on Easter Sunday it was a lease condition to trade in the Centre.
- The Committee Chair thanked Ms Irwin for attending the hearing online from Australia and acknowledged the difficulty that Covid had and was still having in the retail sector; and that the Committee was encouraged by the increase seen in trading to date.

(2) Submission 013 – Matt Cowley, Tauranga Chamber of Commerce

Key points

- Mr Cowley thanked the Committee for the opportunity and acknowledged that, although the Chambers submission was short, it was primarily reflecting the attached letter that contained a list of businesses that had provided extensive feedback on Easter trading.
- The Chamber noted a desire to have consistency of legislation not only across territorial authorities but to also include online businesses which, under current rules, could operate on Easter Sunday.
- Mr Cowley advised that the Chamber and members as employers were open and willing to acknowledge and support employee wellbeing, and in that capacity were supporting the proposed review.
- Mr Cowley acknowledged, in response to questions from the Committee, that there was only limited opportunity for the Tauranga City Council to influence other territorial authorities but noted that most appeared open to having consistency of policy across the

region, and that Tauranga City Council was the 'first cab off the rank' to review the current policy.

- The Committee expressed concern that online trading could occur regardless of the current policy, and that the point from Mr Cowley and the Chamber to ensure consistency across bricks and mortar and online trading was well made.
- The Committee discussed that shortly there would be a return of tourism and cruise ships would be arriving at Tauranga Harbour, and that travellers on the ships would expect to be able to shop and purchase things both on and off boat when in port.
- The policy being consistent would also provide support to events occurring on Easter Sunday (such as markets).
- There was concern expressed by the Committee that the issue of staff working on those days was compounded currently with illness and Covid restrictions, and noted that this would likely be a short term issue and that there had been an introduction of new sick leave provisions by the current Government.

8.2 Deliberations on draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2022

Staff Josh Logan, Waste Planning Manager
Sam Fellows, Manager : Sustainability and Waste
Nic Johannson, General Manager: Infrastructure

Key points

- Staff provided an update on the change proposed following the hearing of submissions and reminded the Committee that the Bylaw was a recommendation to Council.
- Changes proposed included: clear definitions on the meaning of and difference between construction and demolition waste; replacement of the word "flies" with "pest insects".
- There was also change in wording from "will" to "may" in response to a submission by a building company which would allow more flexibility to change process quickly and to allow better implementation of the bylaw.

In response to questions

- The proposed changes would provide adequate power to staff for implementation.
- Drive to change for industry would be created through efficiency gains and reduced costs.
- The Te Maunga transfer station would also benefit in any further design process for expansion.
- The policy was similar to others in the region and in this iteration was not designed to look at single dwelling construction waste but multiple and commercial buildings. Smaller projects would be part of the ongoing development of policy and strategy.
- Work was being completed in consultation with industry on waste streams and reducing what was sent to straight landfill.

Discussion points raised

- The Committee thanked staff for the work completed to date and commented that they supported the direction and were impressed by the quality of the submissions received and the level of detail they had contained.
- The Committee was also reassured by the culture developed of working with industry to achieve good outcomes that worked for both industry and Council.
- Working relationships should be developed with both the waste management and building industry to set a workable playing field for all.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SFR8/22/3

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee:

- (a) Receives the report: Deliberations on draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2022.
- (b) That in relation to the following key deliberations matters that arose from feedback in the consultation period, the Strategy Finance and Risk Committee resolves:

Construction and Demolition Waste

- (i) **Option 1A:** Amend the wording of clause 16.1 Construction and Demolition Waste of the bylaw to reflect the suggested change. So that clause 16.1 of the bylaw would be replaced by:

“16.1 Council may make a control under this Bylaw to require any person that is applying for a building consent for building work exceeding a set estimated value to submit a site waste management plan to the Council for approval as part of the building consent application process and prior to the commencement of any building work.

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SFR8/22/4

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

- (b) That in relation to the following key deliberations matters that arose from feedback in the consultation period, the Strategy Finance and Risk Committee resolves:

Sub Definition of Waste Streams

- (iii) **Option 2A:** Amend 10.2 of the draft Bylaw to replace the word ‘flies’ with “pest insects.”

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SFR8/22/5

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

- (c) Recommends to Council that:

- (i) The Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2022, as released for consultation and included as **Attachment 3** of the agenda report, be adopted and come into force on 01 October 2022.
- (ii) That pursuant to section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002, the bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems, is the most appropriate form of bylaw, and does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- (iii) That pursuant to section 56 of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, the bylaw must be consistent with the territorial authority’s waste management and minimisation plan.
- (iv) To delegate to General Manager: Infrastructure the authority to make any typographical changes or minor editorial changes for the purposes of correction or clarity, before the bylaw comes into force.

CARRIED

8.3 Deliberation and Adoption Report - Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2022-2028

Staff Josh Logan, Waste Planning Manager
Sam Fellows, Manager : Sustainability and Waste
Nic Johansson, General Manager: Infrastructure

In response to questions

- Staff recommended minor changes to the Plan following the submission process.
- At present construction and commercial waste and the development of Te Maunga were the key areas of focus.
- The Committee queried if the quantity of textiles and the complexity of recycling or providing on going use were being looked at; staff were abreast of the issue and areas where work is being completed with regard to a sustainable end market for collection. Tauranga City Council could provide help to parties with connections to the test market for use of textiles in roading in Wellington.
- Central government had changed policy with positive benefit for the recycling and removal of used tyres.
- There was a need for central government to provide further stewardship and advocacy.
- Technology was evolving at a fast pace and staff were working to be aware of this.
- To achieve more aspirational 'outside of the plan work' the plan had been deliberately written with a broad outlook. This provided the ability to look at a range of alternative solutions from textiles to roading trials using tree sap.
- There were enquiries from two to three parties per week on these sort of solutions and staff had been dedicated as a resource to look further at the questions raised and possible solutions.

Discussion points raised

- Staff were working on better education and signage resources.
- Staff were also working for a 'a big push' over summer months to look for improvement especially around event management and entertainment areas.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SFR8/22/6

Moved: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

Seconded: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

That the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee:

- (a) Receives the report, Deliberation and Adoption Report - Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2022-2028 .
- (b) That in relation to the following key deliberations matters that arose from feedback in the consultation period, the Strategy Finance and Risk Committee resolves to approve the recommendations in **Attachment 2**, including:
 - (i) To be in alignment with the city vision, amend the of the wording of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan vision to:
"Tauranga, together we can reduce waste to landfill."
 - (ii) That the following action is added to the action plan as action 17 and then the remaining actions are renumbered from action 18-52:
"Continue to deliver and optimise household kerbside collection service that supports increased diversion and a cost-effective service for households."
 - (iii) That the wording for action 26 regarding energy from waste schemes be updated to the following:

“Consider information, investigate, and develop a position for Council on, energy from waste schemes. This includes bioenergy from biomass, which is energy largely derived from the by-products and residues of plants and animals.”

- (iv) That in relation to the matters that arose from feedback in the consultation period, the Strategy Finance and Risk Committee adopts the revised action plan (**Attachment 3**).
- (c) Adopts the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan with amendments contained in **Attachment 4**.

CARRIED

9 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

10 CLOSING KARAKIA

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee meeting held on 12 September 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON