

## Strategy, Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, 17 April, 2025  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue

**In Attendance**

Cr Ken Couper (Chairperson)  
His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo  
Cr Gavin Benney  
Cr Nicholas Connop  
Cr Jayne Golightly  
Cr Phil Halse  
Cr Deborah Harding  
Cr Patrick Holmes  
Cr Marie Olsen  
Cr Carol Peters  
Cr Simon Reid  
Cr Phoenix Ruka  
Cr Paul Yovich

**Not in Attendance**

Cr Scott McKenzie (Deputy Chairperson)

**Scribe**

D.Garner (Democracy Adviser)

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*Cr Nicolas Connop joined the meeting at 9:01am.*

**1. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga**

No interests were declared.

**2. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai**

Cr Paul Yovich (late arrival) and Cr Scott McKenzie (absence).

**Moved By** Cr Deborah Harding

**Seconded By** Cr Patrick Holmes

That the apologies be sustained.

**Carried**

*His Worship the Mayor and Cr Carol Peters joined the meeting at 9:02am during Item 2.*

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Strategy, Planning and Development Committee Meeting / Whakatau Meneti**

**3.1 Minutes Strategy, Planning and Development Committee meeting 20 March 2025**

**Moved By** Cr Deborah Harding

**Seconded By** Cr Phil Halse

That the minutes of the Strategy, Planning and Development Committee meeting held Thursday 20 March 2025, having been circulated be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

**Carried**

**4. Decision Reports / Whakatau Rīpoata**

**4.1 Knowledge Precinct Plan Update - Progress and upcoming engagement**

**Moved By** Cr Carol Peters

**Seconded By** Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Committee:

1. Notes the report.
2. Approves staff to undertake public engagement in May, focussed on the Knowledge Precinct Plan.

**Carried**

**4.2 Plan Change 2 General Amendments – Approval of Plan Change**

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Deborah Harding

That the Strategy, Planning and Development Committee:

1. Approves Plan Change 2 – General Amendments (PC2) as required by clause 17(1) of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), enabling the Plan Change to be made Operative.
2. Resolves that the extent of changes to the Whangarei Operative District Plan that would result from approval of PC2 is limited to:
  - a. Insertions and deletions to the Whangarei District Plan text as shown in track changes in Attachment 2 – Decision Version Plan Change 2 Provisions.

- b. Amendments to the Whangārei District Plan Maps as shown in Attachment 3 – Planning Maps and as set out Attachment 1 – Hearing Commissioner’s Recommendations Report.
- 3. Notes that in accordance with clause 17(3) of Schedule 1 to the RMA the Council’s seal will be affixed to those parts of the Whangārei District Plan that are amended by the approval of PC2.
- 4. Notes that a public notice will be notified in the local newspaper and on the Council’s website on 7 May 2025 indicating the date on which PC2 is Operative in accordance with the requirements of Clause 20 of Schedule 1 to the RMA. The Whangārei Operative District Plan will be updated to incorporate PC2 thereafter.

**Carried**

*Cr Paul Yovich joined the meeting at 9:28am during Item 4.2.*

## **5. Information Reports / Ngā Pūrongo Kōrero**

### **5.1 District Plan Review - Draft Amendments**

**Moved By** Cr Gavin Benney

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the Committee:

- 1. Notes the report.
- 2. Provides feedback on the draft amendments prior to targeted consultation with iwi/hapū, stakeholders, and interest groups.

**Carried**

*Cr's Phil Halse and Simon Reid requested their votes against the motion be recorded.*

### **5.2 Operational Report - Strategy, Planning and Development - April 2025**

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the Strategy, Planning and Development Committee notes the Strategy and Democracy and Planning and Development Operational reports for April 2025.

**Carried**

**6. Public Excluded Business / Rāhui Tangata**

There was no business held in public excluded.

**7. Closure of Meeting / Te katinga o te Hui**

The meeting concluded at 9:46am.

Confirmed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025

Cr Ken Couper (Chairperson)