

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Strategy Committee held on Tuesday 3 December 2024 beginning at 10.00am in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown.

Present

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

In Attendance

Mr David Wallace (General Manager Planning & Development), Ms Alyson Hutton (Planning Policy Manger), Ms Fiona Blight (Resource Consents Manager), Ms Alice Milne (Senior Legal Counsel), Mrs Mary Davenport (Associate Counsel, RMA and Regulatory), Mr Matthew Hulscher (Democracy Services Advisor), and Mr Jon Winterbottom (Democracy Services Team Leader); no members of the public and no media.

Apologies

Councillor Wong was an apology.

On the motion of Councillor White and Councillor Bartlett it was resolved that the apology be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

Public Forum

There were no public forum presentations. Chair Cocks noted that a request to speak at public forum had been declined since the topic did not fall within the terms of reference of the meeting.

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 resolved that the agenda be confirmed without alteration.



Motion carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Public Minutes

On the motion of Councillor Bartlett and Councillor Bruce it was resolved that the public minutes of the meeting on 22 October 2024 be confirmed without alteration.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Proposed District Plan Updates and Other Key Projects

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

Ms Hutton provided updates on the Planning Policy Projects (see Attachment A) and General Update on Operative Status of Proposed District Plan Chapters and Outstanding Appeals (Attachment B) and responded to questions related to updates on Spatial Plan Priority Areas Rezoning, Te Pūtahi Ladies Mile, the Hills Private Plan Change, and the Queenstown Airport appeal regarding trees.

Ms Hutton noted that the Tussock Rise appeal was set to take place the week after the meeting.

On the motion of Chair Cocks and Councillor Bartlett it was resolved that the Planning & Strategy Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of the 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 Bruce the Planning & Strategy Committee resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting:

It was 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 3 December 2024 Planning & Strategy Committee minutes	<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 • 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>

Public Excluded Agenda Items:

- Item 2: Update on Proposed District Plan Appeals
- Item 3: Update on Resource Consent Appeals

Item 2: Update on Proposed District Plan Appeals	<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"> • to maintain legal professional privilege <p><i>Reason for 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)(g)</p>
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Item 3: Update on Resource Consent Appeals	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintain legal professional privilege <p><i>Reason for this recommendation:</i> 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>	Section 7(2)(g)
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This recommendation was 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting went into public excluded at 10.35am



The meeting came out of public excluded and concluded at 11.13 am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:



Chair

4 February 2025

Date