

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting No. SG2 of the Smartgrowth Implementation Committee
held on 13 February 2008 in the Council Chamber, Barks Corner, Tauranga
Commencing at 1:00 p.m.**

Present

Independent Chairperson:	W Wasley
Environment Bay of Plenty Councillor:	A von Dadelszen
Tauranga City Council Mayor:	S Crosby
Councillors:	W Moultrie, D Stewart
Western Bay of Plenty District Council Councillors:	N Bruning, R Paterson
Tangata Whenua Representatives	P Ihaka, K Smith, M Tapsell

In Attendance

SmartGrowth: K Tremaine (Implementation Advisor), Te Pio Kawe (Tu Pukari Advisor), A Coffin (Tu Pukari Advisor)

Environment Bay of Plenty: F Robinson (Senior Communications Advisor), D Phizacklea (Acting Planning Frameworks Manager), J Thompson (Planner)

Tauranga City Council: S Town (Chief Executive Officer), C Jones (Group Manager City Directions)

Western Bay of Plenty District Council: G R Snelgrove (Chief Executive Officer), A Lane (Group Manager Policy & Planning), F C Sweeney (Team Leader Democracy Services)

Others

Ruth Woodward, Andrew Coker (Priority One) Councillor J Gravit (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), C Gordon (Strategic Partners)

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from His Worship the Mayor G Weld, Chairperson Cronin, and Councillor Nees.

Resolved: Councillors Von Dadelszen / Stewart

THAT the apologies for absence from His Worship the Mayor G Weld, Chairperson Cronin, and Councillor Nees be received.

SG2.1 **Confirmation of Minutes of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee (SG1) dated 12 December 2007**

The Committee considered the minutes of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee (SG1) dated 12 December 2007 as circulated in the agenda.

In response to a question the Implementation Advisor noted that the presentation on the rail strategy would be given at the April meeting of the Committee and feedback on the affordable housing issues would also be provided at that time.

Resolved: Councillors Paterson / Bruning

THAT the minutes of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee meeting dated 12 December 2007, as circulated in the agenda, are confirmed and are a true and correct record.

SG2.2 **SmartGrowth Bi-Monthly Implementation Report – January 2008**

The Committee considered a report from the Independent Chairperson and the Implementation Advisor as circulated in the agenda. The Implementation Advisor gave a verbal summary of the report.

In discussion of the report the following matters were noted:

- The submission to the Draft Coastal Shipping Strategy was an initial policy engaging approach to the early stages of Government's proposals.
- It was important that in reviewing the business land strategy the focus on subregional issues including infrastructure and relationships with the Port be maintained. A series of recommendations from the review would be reported back to the Committee.
- Concerns continued in relation to the subregion's ability to access the \$150 million allocated for transport infrastructure development.
- In relation to external housing affordability studies there did not appear to be any reference to infrastructure requirements relating to housing development and the related community costs, and this needed to be publicly challenged.
- Subregional integration with neighbouring authorities should be considered, and issues like planning for the Northern Arterial brought this issue to the fore.
- A suggestion had been made to Transit that there be Tangata Whenua representation (area specific) on major projects. It was suggested that this matter be advised to Smart Transport and the Implementation Advisor undertook to do so.

- To assist in affordable housing the Government may need to consider funding infrastructure such as community sewerage schemes.
- In relation to the Tauranga Museum as a subregional action Mayor Crosby advised that the waterfront project would not be proceeding at this time but the issue was raised in public submission documents as an Long Term Council Community Plan amendment, and the outcome may need to come back to the Joint Committee for an amendment to the strategy. The Chairperson reminded members of the protocols relating to changes made by one of the partners which affected the strategy.

It was noted that the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum meeting minutes dated 11 December 2007 had been tabled.

Resolved: Councillors von Dadelszen / Bruning

1. *THAT the bi-monthly implementation report from the Independent Chairperson and Implementation Advisor dated 30 January 2008 be received.*
2. *THAT the SmartGrowth submission on the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill 2007, attached as Appendix 1 and the SmartGrowth submission on the Draft Coastal Shipping Strategy, attached as Appendix 2 be endorsed.*
3. *THAT the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee notes the intention of the Implementation Advisor to submit on the Affordable Housing (Enabling Territorial Authorities) Bill and on the Update to the New Zealand Transport Strategy Discussion Document.*
4. *THAT an integrated land use and transport study for the Northern Corridor be prepared.*
5. *THAT the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee confirm the appointment of a third Tangata Whenua being Maru Tapsell representing the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Maori Forum to the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee for the 2007-2010 Council term and/or until the expiry of the Committee on 30 June 2009, noting that the case for a second Maori Forum representative from Western Bay of Plenty District Council is being investigated and reported back to the April SmartGrowth Implementation Committee meeting.*
6. *THAT the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee note the withdrawal of the SG appeal to RPS Change No 2.*
7. *THAT the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee meetings commence at 1.30 p.m. from April 2008.*
8. *THAT the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee notes the progress and launch of PATAG at 3-30pm on Wednesday 13 February 2008.*

SG2.3 **SmartEconomy Monitoring Report**

The Committee considered a report from the Implementation Advisor as circulated in the agenda. Mr Andrew Coker of Priority One was in attendance for this item and was invited by the Chairperson to speak to the report. Mr Coker gave a verbal summary of the highlights of the report including the importance of business land, and work in collaboration with the local authorities on various plan and regulatory documents.

In discussion of the report the following matters were noted:

- Accommodation of and facilities for seasonal workers was a key issue with a number of related issues such as who should have responsibility for such facilities.
- It was noted that there was combined government agency and industry work occurring on this issue, but more information was needed from the kiwifruit industry on what was planned for the future in particular in relation to migrant workers.

Resolved: Councillors Moultrie / Stewart

THAT the report from the Implementation Advisor monitoring progress of the SmartEconomy Strategy for the period to 31 December 2007 be received.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

W Wasley
Independent Chairperson

Date

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