

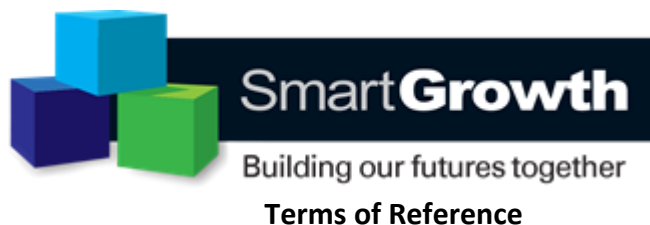


SmartGrowth Environment & Sustainability Forum
The School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue, Tauranga

Agenda

Tuesday 4 June 2019, 1.30 – 3.30pm

1. Apologies	Chair
2. Minutes and actions from the previous 5 March 2019 meeting <i>(Paper A)</i>	Chair
3. Minutes to note from the joint Social Sector Forum and Environment and Sustainability Forum meeting held on 4 April 2019 <i>(Paper B)</i>	Chair
4. Update from the Urban form and Transport Initiative (UFTI) project team Press release regarding Minister Twyford's visit <i>(Paper C)</i>	Robert Brodnax
5. General Business	All
6. Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group	Chair



1. Membership Criteria

The Environment and Sustainability Sector Forum is intended to be a voice for the non-government and not for profit sector. Other organisations and government agencies are welcome to attend as participating observers.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Environment and Sustainability (E&S) Sector Forum ('the forum') is to draw on existing experience and to positively contribute to the on-going evolution and success of the SmartGrowth Strategy ('the Strategy')

The forum will provide a view that reflects the interests of E&S groups across the wider western Bay of Plenty.

The forum will enable E&S groups/organisations and the sector industry direct participation in the strategy implementation and monitoring in order to provide vital sector input, in collaboration with the strategy partners and lead agencies into the wide range of challenges faced in the sub-region, including specific input into:

- Sustaining and improving the environment.
- Building the Community
- Urban form and design
- Housing affordability
- The contribution of the E&S sector to economic growth and wellbeing of the people.

3. Role

The Forum will have on-going input into the Strategy development and implementation including the following specific aspects:

- Providing input and feedback in respect of partner projects relating to strategy actions where such input is sought by the SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group (SSG) particularly with regard to sustainable development/management considerations
- Monitoring of relevant strategy actions.
- The development of statutory and non-statutory policies by the SmartGrowth Partners that either arise from the strategy or have the potential to impact on the strategy.
- SmartGrowth representations to regional and national forums and central government.
- Using the grassroots knowledge of the forum to alert SmartGrowth to emerging environmental matters and sustainability developments that may impact on SmartGrowth policy and direction.



4. Membership

The forum membership is representative of the wider community within the western Bay of Plenty and currently has representation from the following organisations:

- Papamoa Progressive Association
- Master Painters BOP
- Sustainability Options
- Sustainable Business Network
- Envirohub
- Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology
- Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
- Surf Break Protection Society
- Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
- Uretara Estuary Managers
- Friends of Puketoki and Friends of the Blade
- Welcome Bay Community Centre
- Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust
- Federated Farmers
- Fruit Growers Association
- New Zealand Planning Institute
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ
- Te Puke Environment Forum
- The Rock – Papamoa Community Garden
- The Sustainability Society
- Bay Conservation Alliance
- Toi Te Ora – Public Health Service BOPDHB
- Kaimai Settlers Association
- Permaculture NZ

5. Other SmartGrowth Forums and the SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group (SSG) – Linkages and Reporting



In order to provide transparency, a member (an alternate can be appointed) of the other SmartGrowth Forums and the SSG (as selected by those groups) will be invited to attend and participate in the E&S Sector Forum meetings. The E&S Sector Forum may also appoint a member to attend and contribute to the wider Strategic Partner Forum. Meeting minutes and reports from each of the SmartGrowth Partner Forums will be made available to the other forums, to SSG and to SLG.

6. SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) – Linkages and Reporting

The forum members are able to present to the SLG at any of the formal meetings with agreement of SLG Chair and at any agreed workshops, held between SLG and the forum. Annually SLG hosts a workshop with the forum (or combined with other forums) to discuss a range of matters and issues. The minutes of the forum meetings are provided to SLG as part of the regular reporting process and any particular issues are drawn out and highlighted in the bi-monthly report presented to SLG by the Independent Chair, Implementation Manager and Strategic Advisor.

7. Information Provision and Feedback

Relevant draft reports, ideas, submissions, and proposed initiatives are provided to the Forum for discussion and input prior to matters going to SLG for decision-making. These may be part of a meeting agenda item, or if between meetings, circulated by email to the Forum Chair, for feedback. This feedback will be presented to SLG.

8. Meetings Attendance and Presentations

The Independent Chair, Implementation Manager, Strategic Adviser and Well-Beings Implementation Officer may attend meetings from time to time, provide written reports, advice and seek input on various matters. SLG members may also be invited to attend the Forum from time to time.

Frequency - The Forum will meet bi-monthly, prior to the SLG meeting to provide information and feedback on specific issues directly relating to Strategy implementation.

Servicing - The Forum will be serviced by SmartGrowth through the Implementation Manager, for matters including venues, agenda circulation, minute-taking and report materials.

Chair - A chair will be appointed by the Forum

Environment and Sustainability Forum (E&S Forum) – Membership

Current Members	Representation
Barry Roberts	Federated Farmers
Buddy Mikaere	Combined Tangata Whenua Forum
Dean Tully	Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology
Eddie Orsulich	Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust
Glen Crowther	Sustainable Business Network
Gray Southon	Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
James Hughes	The Sustainability Society
Jo Wills	Sustainability Options
John Garwood	Fruit Growers Association
Julian Fitter	Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
Julie Midson	Kaimai Settlers Association
Lawrie Donald	Uretara Estuary Managers
Leo Murray	Permaculture NZ
Mary Dillon	Envirohub BOP
Mel Arnold	Toi Te Ora – Public Health Service BOPDHB
Michelle Elborn	Bay Conservation Alliance
Paul Hickson	Surf Break Protection Society
Riki Nelson	Master Painters BOP
Vicktoria Blake	Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology
SmartGrowth Partner Staff	
Amy Brasch	Tauranga City Council
Glenn Ayo	Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Stephanie Macdonald	Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Environment and Sustainability Forum
Tuesday 5 March 2019, 1.30-3.30pm
The School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue

Forum Members Present	Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust), Mel Arnold (Toi Te Ora Public Health), John Garwood (Fruit Growers Association), Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Gray Southern (Carbon Action Group), Vicktoria Blake (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society)	
SmartGrowth	Megan Rumble (Minutes)	
Partner Staff	Amy Brasch (TCC), Jodie Rickard (WBOPDC), Phillip Martelli (WBOPDC)	
Apologies (forum members)	Dean Tully (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology), Michelle Elborn (Bay Conservation Alliance)	
Previous minutes and matters arising		<p>The minutes of the 27 November 2018 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record</p> <p><u>Previous actions:</u></p> <p>Previous actions have been addressed. Megan to follow up on WBOPDC waste team update.</p>
	Action	Megan to add Amy and Vicktoria to the membership <u>post note:</u> actioned by Megan
Growth planning in the Western Bay – Omokoroa, Katikati and Te Puke	Update	<p>Phillip Martelli provide an update around growth planning from a WBOPDC perspective:</p> <p><u>Omokoroa</u> – moving along well. According to the NPS – UDC 10 years of land availability is required. 8.5 years supply left in Omokoroa. The Omokoroa structure plan is exciting as it offers a range of new opportunities. Looking to create a standalone community. Looking to more industrial land plus a new town centre. The Ministry of Education have committed to a secondary school and a second primary school which will provide more balance with the family mix out there as secondary age families are often forced to move out presently. Looking at a community of 12,000 people – similar size community to Cambridge. Additionally, council are reviewing the Residential Urban Form part of the District Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion followed around SH2 and the Urban Transport Development plan. Serious issue. - More efficient and affordable to put in dedicated rapid bus lanes than rail – study done. - Discussion was had regarding concerns around urban sprawl, transport, housing typologies, placemaking. Essential that these areas are very well thought through.

		<p><u>Katikati</u> - Have basically run out of residential land – now looking at land down Beach Road. Local dairy farm owners are not interested in developing and likewise a family who own an orchard. Unfortunately, this means developing more productive land. Busby Road is difficult due to the cost of connecting to the state highway and distance from town and schools. Beach road is a good option as it is close to the town centre and school – except for the fact it is on the productive land. New development will be more intensified but in the general Katikati area it is unlikely we will see infill happening – provisions will be made for this however if a developer does so desire.</p> <p><u>Te Puke</u> – Call to look at Paengaroa as a result of the FDS. Could impact on Te Puke – that’s the biggest concern there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion was had around the lack of car parking in Te Puke.
	Action	Phillip M to keep the forum updated around WBOPDC growth planning.
Western Bay of Plenty District Council Environment Strategy	Update	<p>Jodie Rickard from the WBOPDC planning team provided an update. The team are currently developing the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Environment Strategy. View the PowerPoint presentation update here.</p> <p>Vision – Clean, Green, Valued Environment Natural Environment Chapter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$360,000pa - for grants, environment education, protection lot monitoring, fencing subsidies and enhancement planting, Coastcare. <p>Transport – walking and cycling Open space Stormwater Waste – rubbish and recycling</p> <p>Three key areas of focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural Environment – Ecological financial contribution, Blue/Green network plans, grants, identifying areas for mass tree planting. - Sustainable Living – Waste 80% increase in waste diverted from landfill by 2022, Kerbside March 18 – April 18 open for submissions, Waste Education, Sustainable Neighbourhoods (the kiwi way of life), Tahataharao – projects – headlands of the Wairoa River, WB and BOPRC have purchased this land with funding from BayTrust – Wetland restoration project.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Change – Corporate Sustainability Plan, Energy Audit, Enviromark – Carbon Zero, CEMARS - Adaptation – Modelling, Coastal Hazard Guidance <p>Discussion was had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commercial composting facilities? Opportunity for the region!! Including bio plastics. - Threats to forests – needing public pressure for change. - Future Fit – excellent programme.
	Action	Jodie R to keep the forum updated around the WBOPDC Environment Strategy process.
E&S Forum 2019 work plan discussion	Discussion	<p>Mary noted the SmartGrowth chairs met with Bill. Mary proposed that the matter of the 2019 work plan be put on hold until after the UFTI announcement in April. UFTI is the partnership responding to the government's direction. Looking at ambitious urban planning – four wellbeing's.</p> <p>Note Ken Tremaine's paper – here – around the governments Urban Growth Agenda with its emphasis on sustainable development reinforced by the Government Policy Statement on Transport which leads us to the position of pursuing more sustainable cities through compact urban form, better placemaking etc.</p> <p>Bear in mind what work needs to be done in terms of the environment with Climate Change being a key area - Waste minimisation of up most important as well as planting trees.</p>
	Action	Nothing to note
FDS/TUS consultation emerging theme presentation	For information	FDS/TUS consultation emerging theme presentation from the 12 December 2018 SmartGrowth Leadership Group meeting.
	Action	Nothing to note.
General Business	Discussion	<p>Amy TCC - Resource Wise community fund is open – encouraging waste reduction and minimisation focussed organisations to apply for funding. For more information regarding the criteria and application forms, visit the Resource Wise Community Fund webpage. Amy happy to provide advice on applications to anyone interested. Contact Amy on the below email and phone number:</p> <p>Amy.Brasch@tauranga.govt.nz 027 609 7728</p>

		Sustainable backyards – https://envirohub.org.nz/sustainablebackyards/
	Action	Anyone interested in advice around community fund application to contact Amy Brasch @ TCC.
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		Nothing to note

Meeting closed 3:31pm. Next meeting Tuesday 2 April 2019 1.30-3.30pm, The School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue.

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

1.	March	Megan to add Amy and Vicktoria to the membership post note: actioned by Megan
2.	March	Phillip M to keep the forum updated around WBOPDC growth planning.
3.	March	Jodie R to keep the forum updated around the WBOPDC Environment Strategy process.
4.	March	Anyone interested in advice around community fund application to contact Amy Brasch @ TCC.



Paper B

SmartGrowth Social Sector & Environment Sustainability Joint Forum Meeting

Thursday 4 April 2019

Village Hall, Historic Village, 17th Avenue

Forum Members Present	Carole Gordon (Chair-Supa NZ), Mary Dillon (Welcome Bay Community Centre) Liz Davies (SocialLink), Beth Bowden), Jo Gravit (Budget Advisory Service, Community Housing Trust), Peter Malcolm (Closing the Gap), Ewa Fenn (Multicultural Tauranga	
SmartGrowth	Vicki Jones (SmartGrowth Co-ordinator)	
Other	Buddy M (Combined Tangata Whenua Forum), Anne Pankhurst (PATAG) Mary Dillion (E&S), Bill Wasley (Chair SG) E&S – Eddie Orsulich, Gray Southon, John Garwood, Julian Fitter, Paul Hickson.	
Partner Staff	Michael Vujnovich (TCC), Jodie Rickard (WBOPDC) apology, Adam Fort (BOPRC) Amy Brasch (TCC), Megan Holmes(TCC) apology,	
Apologies from SSF forum members	Helen Stewart, Anna Larsen, Kathy Webb, Eddie Jackson	
Previous Minutes and Actions		<p>Minutes of the previous 6 December 2018 meeting accepted as a true and correct record.</p> <p>Previous actions confirmed: All previous actions ongoing or confirmed completed</p> <p>Moved: Peter Malcolm Seconded by: Beth Bowden</p>
UFTI Project Update (Paper B) UFTI Update Presentation on below link http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/leadership-group/agendas-and-papers/		Chair Carole welcomed SmartGrowth Independent Chairperson Bill Wasley: Bill gave an overview of the UFTI Project noting phase 1 has been significant to complete the project plan. This has been completed in partnership with (BOPRC, WBOPDC, TCC, Tangata Whenua) and NZTA, Stakeholder Strategies and Campbell Squared.

	<p>The Future Development Strategy and Tauranga Urban Strategy went out for community engagement last year. The SmartGrowth Leadership Group heard from forums and others towards the end of last year. This is now on hold and will be reviewed and feed into the UFTI work.</p> <p>Gaps have been identified in the Tauranga Transport Plan by NZTA which UFTI will pick up and complete the gaps. UFTI is an evidence-based quantified approach for the future and without the evidence-based approach, the government funding will not take place. The government would like to see some of the near-term projects completed.</p> <p>Climate change/omissions flagged. Bill noted transport omissions is mentioned in the GPS and is a key item to be considered. This is why we have a multi-modal approach for transport.</p> <p>Challenges of freight, port, moving the people and understanding clearly what can be achieved in mode shift. The aim is to develop targets and roll it out. Bill spoke to the commitment to engage with the community in phases 2-4. Bill noted if the land transport plans projects are not in the plan there will be no opportunity for funding. The plan will go to Wellington for sign off. Bill noted he will be looking at how do the forums and the community raise these issues in the framework of UFTI. The key is how the message is undertaken. Bill noted additional principals were approved at the SLG Committee meeting on 20 March 2019.</p> <p>There will be a UFTI project director appointed, the project plan is in draft, and resourcing is in draft and the project director will review the detail before the next steps. Bill outlined the phases of UFTI noting UFTI will be delivered over four phases with six analytic stages. Carole thanked Bill for attendance and information shared. The quality of discussion today raises there is the opportunity to have combined forums a couple of times per year so information can be shared.</p>
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Community Development Team Update Presentation		Michael Vujnovich gave a brief overview – due to time constraints of meeting the power point presentation will be sent out to the forum to review the slides and further discussion will take place at the next meeting.
	Action	Michael Vujnovich please send TCC minutes in regards to the sign off of the TCC Priority areas to John Garwood as wishes to reference the areas. Vicki send out the PP to the SSF & E&S forum members.
Overview BOPRC Elder transportation research		Carole gave an overview of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Elder transportation research noting the data and survey have been completed which has given keys insights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extremely dependent on public transport • Require the use of buses for convenient trips • Maori & Pacific Islanders do not use the buses • Transfers at hubs are stressful and confusing • Our model is in question • Park and ride Elders would use the bus service more frequent if they could drive a short distance to hop on the bus. • Concern raised over gold card limits, hard seats slip off, no armrests, confusion over managing walkers and signage. • Smaller buses or shuttles that go to smaller places <p>The participants enjoyed taking part, learnt more about public transport and are willing to take part in the future.</p>
Information Only		The draft annual plans for 2019/20 is open for feedback, list of engagement dates and further details can be found on below websites: BOPRC closes 6 May 2019 https://www.boprc.govt.nz/your-council/plans-and-policies/plans/annual/

		<p>TCC closes 23 April 2019 https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/community/have-your-say/open-consultations-and-engagements/consultation-details/artmid/1491/articleid/4358</p> <p>WBOPDC closes 18 April 2019 https://www.westernbay.govt.nz/our-council/council-publications/annual-plans/Pages/2019-2020-Annual-Plan.aspx</p>
General Business		<p>Peter noted he attended the city leader's lunch in the western bay of plenty which he feels it is a great place to live however for a number of people it is not paradise, those who can't afford housing, rent and public transport. Peter was hoping SmartGrowth was going to consider to help make the western bay a great place to live for everybody. Housing and transport are a significant solution to the problem. We have one of the smaller percentages of social housing in the areas. We need to get affordable and comfortable accommodation in the western bay. Peter noted he is pleased to see the western bay is going to have a trial for free bus transport for school children. Peter noted he wished for the western bay to be a great place to live for all.</p>
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group	Key priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forums would like to know what is involved in each of the UFTI stages and how the forums and community can be involved. • That the UFT language is more inclusive • Stronger leadership • Request SmartGrowth to facilitate a community meeting with forums and Chief Executives present. • Social equality - Pay close attention to option testing
Meeting Closed at 12.10pm		Next Meeting at Historic Village, Wednesday 6 June 2019 – 9.30am-12pm

Outstanding Actions

1.		Michael Vujnovich please send TCC minutes in regards to the sign off of the TCC Priority areas to John Garwood as wishes to reference the areas. (addressed)
2.		Vicki send out the PP to the SSF & E&S forum members. (complete)

Minister's Tauranga visit affirms direction for western Bay of Plenty urban development and transport initiative

Leaders from across the western Bay of Plenty last week met with the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, and Transport, Phil Twyford to discuss the Urban Form and Transport Initiative (UFTI).

Following its launch in March this year, a project team, headed by Robert Brodnax, has been appointed to oversee the collaborative project which is being spearheaded by SmartGrowth and the NZ Transport Agency, and involves Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Tauranga City Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and Tangata Whenua.

UFTI Project Manager Robert Brodnax joined SmartGrowth Chairman Bill Wasley in welcoming Minister Twyford to Tauranga on Wednesday and showing how the project partners' collaborative relationship was enabling the region to meet the Government's key housing and transport priorities.

Mr Wasley said the meeting provided a positive reaffirmation from the Minister that the collaborative approach and commitment being shown from the region's leaders was supported by central Government.

"The Minister provided a clear direction for what success in spatial planning and a multi-modal transport future for the region needs to look like. Specifically, the Minister expressed the need for UFTI to demonstrate commitment to building a modern transport system, developing a mode shift plan for the sub-region, as well as investigating and defining rapid transit corridors," Mr Wasley says.

"It's great to have this level of clarity and we are certainly aligned in what we are working to deliver through UFTI to meet these expectations."

UFTI is a 12-month urban development and transport project for the western Bay of Plenty which provides a refreshed, coordinated and aligned approach across the sub-region on key issues, including housing, transport and urban development.

Western Bay of Plenty District Council Mayor Garry Webber provided a commitment to the Minister on behalf of the SmartGrowth partners to move forward collaboratively with central Government to deliver on the shared agenda, enabling a sustainable and liveable region for the community.

"UFTI is developing a rigorous and evidenced based plan which will deliver an integrated and multi-modal solution for the transport and land use challenges in front of us. By mid-2020, we will have scoped the best options, considered the implications, interdependencies and the variables, and have a plan in place about how spatial, transport, and urban development decisions are being made to deliver the best outcomes for our region," Mayor Webber says.

Working with Government to address the housing supply shortage in the western Bay of Plenty was a key short-term area of focus, raised by Tauranga City Council Mayor Greg Brownless.

"Continued and rapid growth in the western Bay of Plenty is presenting a significant short-term housing challenge which is now urgent due to delays and risks in delivering new supply," Mayor Brownless says.

"It is crucial that we work with Government to address these challenges so we can collectively continue to support strong economic and employment growth, and better manage the housing crisis

while creating communities where it's great to live. The ball is clearly in the sub-region's court to deliver both an integrated plan supported by agreed funding arrangements to implement it."

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Deputy Chair Jane Nees told Minister Twyford that a multi-modal transport approach had become a significant part of planning, with investment in the region's public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure underway, along with a rail feasibility study.

"For our community to move from a car and road first environment, to embracing an integrated, region-wide multi-modal transport model, will require a significant change in mindset and culture. We are committed to working together to achieve this," Deputy Chair Nees says.

The UFTI project partners have agreed to a set of principles which will guide the work undertaken. UFTI Project Director Mr Brodnax says the first output for UFTI will be a base case report to be published in July that will set out how the transport network will look if the western Bay of Plenty keeps following its current plan, at a level of detail that meets expectations from central Government and the Transport Agency.

"From that work and other inputs, such as the work done to date through the Tauranga Transport Plan, Tauranga Urban Strategy and the Future Development Strategy, we will build an integrated programme of land use and transport initiatives to be delivered by the partners over the next 50 years, with a focus on delivering immediate improvements," Mr Brodnax says.

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