

STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of a meeting of the Strategy and Community Committee which commenced at 9.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Centreway Road, Orewa on Thursday, 22 October 2009.

PRESENT: Penny Webster, Mayor
Crs Zane Taylor (Chairperson)
Ross Craig
Pat Delich
Michael Goudie
Gaye Harding
John Kirikiri
Dave Parker, QSM
Grahame Powell
June Turner
Greville Walker
Wayne Walker
Suzanne Weld

IN ATTENDANCE: Assistant Chief Executive (Warren Maclennan) from 11.35 a.m.
Manager: Sustainability and Natural
Heritage (Max Smitheram) until 12.30 p.m.
Democracy Services Officer (Elaine Stephenson)

9.00 a.m. Director: Customer Service (Lloyd Barton), Democracy Services Manager (Ellen Barrett), Manager: Leisure Centre (Cherry Gilbert), Strategic Partnering Manager (Beverly Fletcher) and Social Policy Advisor (Michael Sinclair), in attendance.

737/10/09 APOLOGIES

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

There were no apologies.

738/10/09 HARBOUR SPORT – 2009 SIX-MONTH REPORT (JANUARY – JUNE)

FILE REF RH/7/1

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Toni-Maree Carnie, Harbour Sport Chief Executive and Chris Milicich of Harbour Sport were present for this item.

9.07 a.m. Kaiarataki CEO Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara (Jane Sherard) and Communications Advisor (Allanah Jarman) in attendance.

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Harbour Sport Chief Executive, Toni Maree Carnie introduced a PowerPoint presentation (hard copy on file) outlining Harbour Sport activity, areas of focus and key issues for the first half of 2009. Discussions followed and thanks were expressed to Ms Carnie for the presentation.

9.25 a.m. Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari), Team Leader: Safer Communities (Anna Crane), Policy Planner (Sarah Gathercole) and Bylaws Consultant (Geoff Ward) in attendance.

Delich/W Walker

That the January to June 2009 report from Harbour Sport, attached as Appendix 1 to the agenda report be received.

Carried

9.28 a.m. Manager: Leisure Centre (Cherry Gilbert) retired from the meeting.

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GENERAL BYLAW 1998:

REVIEW OF CHAPTER 16 – LIQUOR BANS – SUBMISSIONS AND HEARINGS REPORT

FILE REF BC/1/4

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Note: Inspector Janet Hope and Sergeant Mark Smith, NZ Police, were present for this item.

Deliberations on the proposed amendments to Chapter 16 of the bylaw followed the hearing of submissions by the Strategy and Community Committee at its 19 October meeting.

Bylaws Consultant (Geoff Ward) distributed amended maps pertaining to the liquor ban areas (hard copies on file) and pointed out that the only changes that had been made were to correct the text in the legend. Mr Ward said that this was the end of a statutory review of the bylaw, that the focus of interest was on the two new specified areas and that the Police were present to answer the Committee's questions and to put forward their views on enforcement.

In discussions Inspector Hope said that the Police could not anticipate possible displacement caused by the liquor bans, they could only act on evidence. Inspector Hope clarified that the review of the Helensville liquor ban would include breaches of the liquor ban and calls to the Police communications centre, noting that the Police would also speak to CityCare and recognised community groups involved and that the review would not be solely based on criminal offences. Inspector Hope noted that Sergeant Smith would be responsible for compiling the report.

Team Leader: Safer Communities (Anna Crane) listed the issues raised during submissions that were not related to the bylaw (hard copy on file).

9.42 a.m. Natural and Coastal Policy Advisor (Craig Pratt) in attendance.

In further discussions Mr Ward said that there had been no evidence of displacement due to the bans which were in place. Inspector Hope said that the Police would be cautious about placing a liquor ban on all reserves but would be prepared to consider evidence.

Mr Ward brought the Committee's attention to an amendment to recommendation (b) (ii) adding the words *and as amended by this meeting*. The final Chapter 16 – Liquor Bans Bylaw is attached as **Appendix 1** to the meeting minutes.

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Parker/Turner

- (a) That the 41 submissions to the reviewed Chapter 16 - Liquor Bans of General Bylaw 1998 be received.
- (b) That it be recommended to the Council:
- (i) That liquor ban specified public places under Section 5.1 Chapter 16 – Liquor Bans Bylaw be amended as follows:
- The Warkworth Old Cement Works and Wilson Road Warkworth: Inclusion of Section 1 SO 70472 and that the ban apply 24 hours each day throughout the year.
 - Lake Tomarata, Mangawhai: Extension of the liquor ban specified public place over the whole of Atkins Road from its junction with Ocean View Road to the end of the formed road 214 metres from the north western boundary of the Lake public reserve
- as set out in 9.17 and 9.18 of the Schedule of specified public places attached as Appendix 3 to the agenda report.
- (ii) That the Council confirm the reviewed draft Chapter 16 - Liquor Bans of General Bylaw 1998 as amended and attached as Appendix 3 to the agenda report and as amended by this meeting.
- (iii) That Chapter 16 - Liquor Bans become operative on 9 December 2009, following public notification under section 157 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Carried

9.50 a.m. Democracy Services Manager (Ellen Barrett), Team Leader: Safer Communities (Anna Crane) and Bylaws Consultant (Geoff Ward) retired from the meeting. Planner (Junitta Fretton) in attendance.

740/10/09 **WAITOKI FUTURE PLANNING – THE WAITOKI VISION STATEMENT**
FILE REF TP/9/77
AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

Thanks were expressed to Policy Planner (Sarah Gathercole) for her work on the project and the commitment of the Waitoki community to the completion of the Vision Statement was acknowledged.

In response to a question relating to the timing of variation work that had been recommended, Ms Gathercole said that work would be initiated directly after the meeting and Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari) said that long timeframes were not anticipated as the objective was to complete the work before the Auckland Council came into effect.

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Craig/ Weld

- (a) That the report be received.
- (b) That the *Waitoki Vision Statement* document attached as Appendix 3 to the agenda report, be adopted as a statement of Community/Council intent for the future of Waitoki and the surrounding rural area and to assist in achieving better design outcomes for development in Waitoki.
- (c) That Council Officers develop and report back on a set of land-use specific principles for Waitoki, which will ultimately accompany the Vision statement and serve as non-statutory guidelines for development in Waitoki ensuring development is sympathetic to Waitoki's character and will achieve high level amenity outcomes.
- (d) That staff be instructed to undertake preparatory work for a variation to rezone several lots currently zoned as Residential Medium Intensity, on which retail service/community facilities have been established (1091, 1095, 1097, 1101, 1105, 1107, and 1119 Kahikatea Flat Road) to a Retail Service/Community Services zoning as shown on figure 2 in the Vision document attached as appendix 3 to the agenda report.

Carried**741/10/09 COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING STOCKTAKE AND EVALUATION****FILE REF** TP/20/8/1**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 4 and 4A

10.00 am Director: Customer Service (Lloyd Barton) and Policy Planner (Sarah Gathercole) retired from the meeting.

Planner (Junitta Fretton) introduced a PowerPoint presentation (hard copy on file). Congratulations were expressed to Ms Fretton for her work in the creation of the document. It was noted that interest in this achievement had been shown by other Councils. Cr W Walker pointed out the importance of low-level data being captured.

Delich/Goudie**That the report be received.****Carried****742/10/09 WWF EARTH HOUR OFFICIAL PARTNER INVITATION****FILE REF** CT/1/1**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 5

Manager: Sustainability and Natural Heritage (Max Smitheram) introduced a DVD presentation on Earth Hour 2010, noting that he felt the emphasis should be in bringing people's attention to the event and on cost effectiveness highlighted by it.

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Delich/Goudie

That Rodney District Council confirm its participation with WWF as an official partner for Earth Hour 2010.

Carried

10.25 a.m. Strategic Partnering Manager (Beverly Fletcher) retired from the meeting.

10.25 – 10.45 a.m. Morning tea adjournment.

743/10/09 ARC SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

FILE REF AI/1/1

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Powell/Goudie

That the report be received.

Carried

10.50 a.m. Crs Delich, Harding, Parker, W Walker and Weld present. Kaiarataki CEO Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara (Jane Sherard), Planner (Junitta Fretton) and Communications Advisor (Allanah Jarman) in attendance.

744/10/09 WHANGATEAU HARBOUR ACTION PLAN

FILE REF FC/284/1

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

In response to a request by Cr Weld, Natural and Coastal Policy Advisor (Craig Pratt) said that minutes of the public meetings that had taken place in relation to the Action Plan could be made available.

Discussions followed which included possible implications for ratepayers, what activities the Forum had been involved in and the importance of protecting the water quality.

A suggestion was made by Mr Pratt that Cr Powell represent Rodney District Council on the Whangateau Forum and Cr Powell accepted this opportunity.

Cr G Walker extended thanks to the Northern Councillors for the support they had shown to these commendable initiatives.

W Walker/Powell

- (a) **That the Council support the ARC-led Whangateau Implementation Plan.**
- (b) **That the Council engage with the Whangateau Forum and identify appropriate representation.**
- (c) **That Cr Powell represent Rodney District Council on the Whangateau Forum.**

Carried

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745/10/09 **KAIPARA HARBOUR SAND MINING ROYALTIES**
FILE REF FC/41/3
AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Discussion took place regarding the Council's disappointment with the reply by the Minister for the Environment, the Honourable Dr Nick Smith, declining the request for the transfer of Kaipara Harbour sand mining royalties. Matters raised included:

- an emphasis on the effects of transporting the sand on Rodney's roads;
- the pollution costs associated with the environmental issue;
- the benefit of having the region's five marae represented;
- the benefit of gaining the support of community groups to give weight to the issue.

Delich/Webster

- (a) That the report be received.
- (b) That the Committee express its concern with the response by the Minister for the Environment to decline the request for the return of royalties from sandmining in the Kaipara Harbour, given the considerable volumes of sand being extracted and distributed via Rodney District and the potential environmental benefits and actions that such funding would support for our local communities.
- (c) That officers follow up with Ministry for the Environment officials regarding precedents and options for enabling the return of sandmining royalties for use in environmental projects in the Kaipara Harbour.

Carried

Cr Kirikiri requested that his vote against this decision be recorded.

11.25 a.m. Natural and Coastal Policy Advisor (Craig Pratt) and Planner (Junitta Fretton) retired from the meeting.

746/10/09 **RURAL BROADBAND INITIATIVE (RBI)**
FILE REF DG/17/1
AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Manager: Economic and Social Development (Anthony Dow) provided a PowerPoint presentation (hard copy on file) and highlighted the points raised in the Digital Auckland Working Party submissions to the two rural broadband proposals released by the Ministry of Economic Development.

11.35 a.m. Assistant Chief Executive (Warren MacLennan) and Strategic Partnering Manager (Beverly Fletcher) in attendance.

Delich/Parker

- (a) That the report be received.
- (b) That the submission to the Rural Broadband Initiative presented at the meeting on 22 October, with any amendments as agreed, be endorsed.

Carried

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747/10/09 **RODNEY SOCIAL WELLBEING STRATEGY – ANNUAL REPORT**
FILE REF PK/5/1
AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Social Policy Advisor (Michael Sinclair) distributed a copy of the Strategy and provided a PowerPoint presentation (hard copies on file) giving a brief overview of the situation in the Rodney District and highlighting five key priority areas.

11.45 - 12.00 p.m. The Mayor, Penny Webster retired from the meeting.

The importance of collaboration with other local agencies was recognised and Kaiarataki CEO Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara (Jane Sherard) confirmed that Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara was one of the agencies involved and acknowledged the work that Mr Sinclair and his colleagues had done.

Discussions included:

- youth employment;
- Penlink project uncertainty and its effect on the staged release of residentially zoned land;
- potential delays for housing development;
- housing needed to be affordable and appropriate;
- the strengthening of partnership opportunities;
- potential problems with cluster housing;
- appropriate zoning to encourage the availability of low priced land.

Delich/Harding

That the Annual Report, comprising the first annual review of the Rodney Social Wellbeing Strategy, be received.

Carried

748/10/09 **SUBMISSION TO THE LAW COMMISSION ON THE LIQUOR LAW REVIEW**
FILE REF LI/1/4
AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

Social Policy Advisor (Michael Sinclair) introduced a PowerPoint presentation (hard copy on file), noting that discussions had been held with councillors on proposed ideas for the submission.

12.07 p.m. Kaiarataki CEO Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara (Jane Sherard) and Communications Advisor (Allanah Jarman) retired from the meeting.

Points raised in discussions included:

- the need for more information on alcohol education for youth;
- a request to add the word *supervised* to paragraph 4.2 of the proposed submission;
- the importance of the ability to set local rules on licensing;
- the differences in the situations in eastern and western areas;
- clarification that *clubs* indicated nightclubs, not sports clubs;
- the connection between gambling issues and alcohol.

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Kirikiri/Delich

- (a) That a submission to the Law Commission be prepared on the 'Alcohol in our Lives' discussion document, based on the proposed staff report and including any additions or alterations as agreed at the meeting.
- (b) That the final wording of the submission be approved by the Mayor and Assistant Chief Executive.

Carried**749/10/09 PUBLIC EXCLUDED****AGENDA ITEM NO. 23****Delich/Harding**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Minute No(s) 750/10/09 and 751/10/09

The general subject of each matter to be considered while 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 Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Hibiscus Coast Youth Council Executive	The disclosure of information would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to enable the council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (section 7(2)(h) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987).	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 for which good reason for withholding would exist, under section 6 or section 7 (except section 7(2)(f)(i) of the Act). (section 48(1)(a) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.)
Progress report on implementation of confidential committee decisions	As per the reasons given for excluding the public at the meeting(s) when these decisions were made	As per the grounds given for excluding the public at the meeting(s) when these decisions were made.

Powell/Delich

That Dr Michael Irwin and Richard Thurmath be allowed to be present to address the Committee.

Carried

12.30 p.m. Manager: Sustainability and Natural Heritage (Max Smitheram) retired from the meeting.

12.30 – 1.00 p.m. Lunch adjournment.

2.45 p.m. Manager: Libraries (Marion Read) and Northern Libraries Manager (Gail Dallimore) in attendance.

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752/10/09 REVOCATION OF RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN: GRANVILLE RESERVE

FILE REF RC/80/1

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

Powell/G Walker

- (a) That the Granville Reserve Management Plan, approved on 24 April 1996, (Minute no. RT132/4/96) be revoked.
- (b) That all references to 'Granville Reserve' in the Council's list of Reserve Management Plans be deleted.

Carried**753/10/09 METRO PARK EAST AND WEST DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLANS: DELIBERATIONS REPORT AND FINAL ADOPTION OF DRAFT PLANS**

FILE REF RC/403/2

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari), Open Space Planner (Leo Jew) and Senior Parks and Coastal Planning Engineer (Cameron Walker) answered Councillors' questions on the draft plans and clarified the amendments that had been made.

Discussions followed on:

- the number of hockey fields provided for;
- a resource consent for the aquatic centre had been applied for;
- the siting of the skate park to the northern area of the reserve;
- the lack of provision for a BMX track and that the Silverdale War Memorial Park has land allocated for the purpose of a BMX track;
- future use of the emergency sewage pond for a swimming facility and the issues involving health and safety;
- the shortage of cricket pitches.

Requests that arose from discussions were:

- that the words *BMX track* on page 10 remain crossed out but that a sentence be added to the effect that: *if the need arises, the location of a BMX track can be investigated;*
- that the wording for figure 3 be changed to *practice area (possible future hard courts/hockey practice);*
- that the viewing area for the hockey turf be relabelled 'hockey changing rooms and viewing area';
- that figure 3 be amended to show two more cricket pitches;
- that *if not required for this, an alternative use for this area be investigated* be added to page 9 of the plan, in regard to the emergency sewage pond.

Delich/Turner

- (a) That this report be received.
- (b) That the recommended amendments to the Draft Metro Park East and Metro Park West Management Plans made in section 2 of this report be adopted.

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- (c) That subject to the amendments made in (b) above, and amendments made at this meeting, the Draft Metro Park East and Metro Park West Management Plans as attached in Appendix 1 to this report, be adopted.

Carried**754/10/09 DRAFT POINT WELLS RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

FILE REF RC/306/1

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

Parker/Powell

- (a) That the draft reserve management plan for the Point Wells Recreation Reserve, attached as Appendix 1 to the agenda report, be received.
- (b) That the draft reserve management plan for the Point Wells Recreation Reserve, incorporating any amendments agreed at the meeting, be advertised for public comment using the process set out in Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Carried**755/10/09 UPDATE ON KAUKAPAKAPA STRUCTURE PLAN**

FILE REF TP/9/69

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

Delich/Weld

That the information be received.

Carried**756/10/09 RODNEY HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT RESEARCH REPORT**

FILE REF HF/1/1

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

Social Policy Advisor (Michael Sinclair) provided a PowerPoint presentation (hard copy on file)

3.05 p.m. Policy Planner (Ryan Bradley) retired from the meeting.
Senior Policy Planner (Jason Evans) in attendance.

Discussions followed which included:

- community perception of cheaper housing options;
- the Auckland Growth Strategy identified a need to avoid urban sprawl;
- the need for more intensive provision of housing in the future;
- some intensive developments were not viable;
- housing needed to be affordable and appropriate.

3.12 p.m. Crs Goudie and W Walker present.

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Kirikiri/Weld

- (a) That the Rodney Housing Needs Assessment report be received.
- (b) That the development of a short-term, action focused Affordable Housing Strategy, be confirmed.

Carried

Crs Craig and Delich requested that their votes against this decision be recorded.

**757/10/09 DELIBERATION REPORT - WELLSFORD TOWN CENTRE
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

FILE REF TP/9/24

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

Senior Policy Planner (Jason Evans) provided a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file) noting that the document focused on a range of issues and that the most pressing issue had been the selection of the library site. He said that there had been a strong feeling from the submissions that the Memorial Reserve site would be a good site for the library and that staff had been instructed to look at the financial aspects.

A suggestion was made by Cr Harding that council officers work in conjunction with the REDT to run a competition for ideas for the beautification of the town. Mr Evans confirmed that council staff were working closely with the REDT.

3.28 p.m. Communications Advisor (Mike Isle) in attendance.

Councillors expressed a desire to see the old toilets remain in place should new toilets be built, providing facilities on both sides of the street.

3.36 p.m. Manager: Parks and Coastal Operations (Chris Burgess) and Policy Planner (Alison Pye) in attendance.

In response to a question Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari) said that a report would be presented to the next committee meeting on the Wellsford War Memorial Reserve Management Plan.

Mr Evans noted that Manager: Libraries (Marion Read) would be dealing with the commissioning process for the new library.

Powell/Craig

- (a) That the report be received.
- (b) That the Draft Wellsford Town Centre Development Plan be amended in accordance with officer recommendations as summarised in this report at section 4.0, and that this Plan as amended above be adopted.
- (c) That the Wellsford War Memorial Reserve Management Plan be reviewed under the provisions of section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.
- (d) That the submitters be advised accordingly.

Carried

Cr Weld requested that her vote against the decision be recorded for the following reasons:

Because for the future growth of Wellsford and existing Community facilities and schools, it would be more prudent to site the new Wellsford library near the Community Centre on the corner of Rodney Street and Matheson Road. In addition, the cost of the library on the War Memorial Park is estimated to be slightly higher than the other two site options.

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Delich/Goudie

That standing order 3.3.7 be suspended to allow the Committee to hear all of the proposed agenda items.

Carried

3.50 p.m. Manager: Libraries (Marion Read), Northern Libraries Manager (Gail Dallimore), Manager: Parks and Coastal Operations (Chris Burgess), Senior Policy Planner (Jason Evans), Social Policy Advisor (Michael Sinclair) and Communications Advisor (Mike Isle) retired from the meeting.

3.50 - 4.05 p.m. Afternoon tea adjournment.

4.05 p.m. Policy Planner (Ryan Bradley) in attendance.

758/10/09 UPDATE ON VARIATION 132 - PROPOSED WEST COAST RURAL POLICY AREA

FILE REF TP/14/4/132

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20

Delich/Weld

- (a) **That the report be received.**
- (b) **That the Council apply discretion to waive resource consent fees as appropriate, until such time as the Council has made a decision on the variation, where these are directly related to rules introduced by Variation 132.**
- (c) **That the request by Federated Farmers to withdraw Variation 132 be declined.**

Carried

759/10/09 ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF REZONING CORRY BLOCK LAND IN WELLSFORD

FILE REF TP/9/42/1

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

Policy Planner (Ryan Bradley) provided a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file).

4.10 p.m. Manager: Resource Consents (Ian Dobson) in attendance.

Powell/Craig

- (a) **That the report be received.**
- (b) **That a District Plan Change to rezone the Corry Block not be initiated by the Council at this point in time.**
- (c) **That the area set aside for an extension to Centennial Park Reserve (based on the indicative reserve shown in the Proposed District Plan 2000 and the map in Appendix 5 of the agenda report) be excluded from any future sale of the Corry Block land.**

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- (d) That further work to see if the precise location of a suitable road corridor (Eastern Collector) can be established, so it can be vested as road reserve prior to sale, be carried out.

Carried

760/10/09 **SUMMARY OF RESOURCE AND BUILDING CONSENT INFORMATION
– JULY/AUGUST 2009**

FILE REF TP/9/17

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21

4.15 p.m. Crs G Walker and Weld retired from the meeting.
Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari), Policy Planner (Ryan Bradley), Policy Planner (Alison Pye) and Communications Advisor (Allanah Jarman) retired from the meeting.

Manager: Resource Consents (Ian Dobson) noted that the Council was still performing well. He said that the number of consent applications received was increasing and this would mean that the Council would come under increasing pressure in terms of resourcing and requirements of the Resource Management Act (RMA) to process efficiently.

Kirikiri/Taylor**That the information be received.**Carried

761/10/09 **PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITTEE
DECISIONS**

FILE REF CF/1/1

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22

Delich/Kirikiri**That the information be received.**Carried

The meeting closed at 4.25 p.m.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2009MAYOR

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