

Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee Minutes – 13 February 2025

 WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i>	Details of Meeting:	ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TŌTARA MEETING ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM.
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors G Dennis, A Iles, J Jukes, T O’Brien, J Pullar, N Rangiaho and N Tánczos <i>Via Teams: Councillors T Boynton and W James</i>
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive), D Bewley (GM Planning Regulatory and Infrastructure), L Woolsey (GM Strategy and Growth), A Pickles (GM Community Experience), B Gray (Finance and Commercial Services), N Woodley (Manager Policy, Planning and Consents), S Ellis (Manager Strategy and Policy), G Mischefski-Gray (Strategic Policy Analyst), Z Eleftheriadis (Policy Planner), M Avery (Manager Resource Consents) and C Viljoen (Manger Governance Services) <i>Via Teams: M Hingston (Acting Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships)</i>
	Visitors:	Nil
	Apologies:	Nil

Mayor Luca opened the meeting with a Karakia at 9:00 am.

Attendance: Councillor James joined the meeting online at 9:01 am.

1 MEETING NOTICES

Meeting participants were advised that the meeting was being live streamed, and Health and Safety points were relayed to all attendees.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 8 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting held on Thursday, 7 November 2024 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 July – December 2024 Six Monthly Climate Change Update

Refer pages 9-16 of the agenda.

Manager Strategy and Policy and Strategic Analyst, G Mischefski-Gray, spoke to the report, which covered progress on targets and actions outlined in the climate strategy. The report featured a new and simplified format, with a correction noted for an emissions target typo. Key actions included successful climate change workshops and the development of a decarbonisation plan. The report also introduced a climate assessment in the council reporting template.

Correction: The emissions target in the Climate Change Pathway 2024-27 as outlined in the report.

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Energy, Environment and Resilience Committee **receive** the six-monthly Climate Change report 1 July to 31 December 2024; and
2. THAT the Energy, Environment and Resilience Committee **approve** the correction of the emissions target in the Climate Change Pathway 2024-27 for the Whakatāne Council gross emissions including wastewater.

CARRIED

It was noted that it would be helpful for Council to more clearly demonstrate the savings made through this type of investment, considering that this initiative would be cost-effective and could save the Council money.

Attendance: Acting Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships entered the meeting at 9:21 am.

Attendance: Manager Strategy and Policy and Strategic Analyst left the meeting at 9:23 am.

7.2 Submission on the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill

Refer pages 17-32 of the agenda.

Manager Resource Consent discussed the national environmental stages and the fast-tracking bill driven by central government. The submission supports most subjects with minor changes and expresses concerns about the detail consent process. Key points included the following:

- Impact on emergencies and natural hazards.
- Client history and consent decisions, and
- The potential impact on relationships with Iwi.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Environment, Energy, and Resilience Committee **receive** this report; and
2. THAT the Environment, Energy, and Resilience Committee **grant** retrospective approval for the Council's submission on the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill.

CARRIED

7.3 Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project Update February 2025

Refer pages 33-61 of the agenda.

General Manager Planning Regulatory and Infrastructure presented the report, highlighting the completion of the initial engagement process and the ongoing work of the governance group. The project aims to wrap up by July, with technical work including a third scenario completed in February.

Key themes discussed included:

- Housing development
- Future settlements, and
- The communication of prospects to constituents.

Moved Councillor Rangiaho / Seconded Councillor Tanczos

RESOLVED:

THAT the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project Update report February 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

8 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Refer to page 62 of the agenda.

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink/ Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the public be **excluded** from the following parts of the proceedings of this Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting, namely:

1. EBOP Regional Deal Proposal

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	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1.	EBOP Regional Deal Proposal	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	That the public conduct of 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 exists. Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No	Interest
1	Enable Councils to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities Section 7(2)(h)

CARRIED

The meeting moved into Public Excluded session at 10:02 am and returned to the public session at 10:39 am.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA GIVEN BY THE MAYOR AT 10: 40 AM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON