


## Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee Minutes – 22 May 2025

 <p><b>WHAKATĀNE</b> District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	<b>ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TŌTARA MEETING ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY 22 MAY 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM.</b>
	Present:	Councillor N Tánczos (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors, G Dennis, W James, J Jukes, and J Pullar <i>Via Teams:</i> Councillors N Rangiaho and T Boynton
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive), D Bewley (GM Planning Regulatory and Infrastructure), L Woolsey (GM Strategy and Growth), A Pickles (GM Community Experience), N Woodley (Manager Policy Planning and Consents), and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	B Petch (Consultant) <i>Via Teams:</i> B Patchett (Consultant)
	Apologies:	Councillor T O'Brien, A Iles and Mayor Dr V Luca

**Deputy Mayor Immink opened the meeting with a Karakia at 9:00 am.**

**Attendance:** Councillor Dennis entered the meeting 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

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Dennis

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **accept** the apologies from Councillors A Iles, T O'Brien, and from Mayor V Luca.

#### **CARRIED**

### 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 James / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

### RESOLVED:

THAT the public and public excluded minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting held on Thursday, 13 February 2025 be **confirmed** as a true and correct records.

### CARRIED

## 7 REPORTS

### 7.1 Adoption of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan

Refer pages 9-253 of the agenda.

Manager Policy Planning and Consents summarised the report and reported that Ōpōtiki and Kawerau District Councils and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council would be looking to adopt the Spatial Plan at their June Council meetings. Stemming from discussions with these Councils, he proposed that approval of the project governance be delayed and suggested recommendation 4 the paper be replaced to note that following the Local Elections in October 2025, that Eastern Bay Councils consider project governance for any future reviews of the Eastern Bay Spatial Plan and Sub-Regional Economic Development Strategy.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Pullar

### RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **receive** the Adoption of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan report; and
2. THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **endorse** the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan; and
3. THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **recommend** that the Whakatāne District Council adopt the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan; and
4. THAT the Committee **note** that following the Local Elections in October 2025, that Eastern Bay Councils will need to consider project governance for any future reviews of the Eastern Bay Spatial Plan and Sub-Regional Economic Development Strategy; and
5. THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **note** that the Independent Chair of PGG, being Vaughan Payne (in consultation with the Mayors and Chair) will forward a final copy of the adopted spatial plan to the Ministers of Transport, Housing and Urban Development, Regional Development, Local Government and Education and offer a briefing/tour the next time they are in the region; and
6. THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **note** that before being received by Council for adoption, minor changes will be made to the spatial plan document to improve communication and readability, provide Te Reo translation of headlines and corrections to spelling, and graphic design of the total document.

7. THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **note** that:
- i) The spatial plan sets out a long-term framework for collaborative implementation leading to positive changes for the Eastern Bay; and
  - ii) Ongoing collaborative planning and implementation will be required to see these changes happen.
  - iii) The spatial plan aligns with Iwi aspirations communicated to the project and engagement feedback received from the community.
  - iv) The spatial plan, implementation plan, and related investment decisions will need to adapt to changes and regular monitoring of indicators such as population and economic changes, decisions on infrastructure and planning, building consents approved, and capacity for residential development will enable this to happen; and
8. THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **note** that growth planning, engagement and implementation in Whakatāne District is now transitioning from a sub-regional focus to a local focus, with the Whakatāne Local Growth Strategy being developed and area-specific development planning commencing.

**CARRIED**

**THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA GIVEN BY DEPUTY MAYOR IMMINK AT 9:47 AM.**

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON