

**MINUTES OF THE 293<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 58 KILMORE STREET, CHRISTCHURCH ON  
THURSDAY, 15 MARCH 2007 AT 8.35 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

Councillors T K Burke (Chairman), R A Budd, A S Carroll, E H Cunningham, R H M Johnston, R M Kirk, R I R Little, J F Slee, J M Waters and W E Woods.

**MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS PRESENT**

B R Jenkins (Chief Executive), J C Pani (Manager Secretariat) and J D Talbot (Director Policy and Planning). I W Thomas (Director Finance and Corporate Services) was in attendance for part of the meeting and report authors were in attendance to present their reports.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Crs McKay and Neill (Leave of absence)  
Crs Oldfield and Wagner.

**2. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no deputations and petitions.

**3. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The report of the Finance and Audit Committee meeting held on 14 March is to be presented to the April Council meeting

**4. GREATER CHRISTCHURCH URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (UDS)**

A report detailing a response of the Urban Development Strategy Hearings Panel to the 470 submissions to the Greater Christchurch Draft Urban Development Strategy (UDS) was tabled.

Cr Budd, as one of the Council's representative on the Urban Development Strategy Hearings Panel, introduced this item and advised that it was an excellent hearing process with the Panel coming to a common view. He said that there still needed to be a clearer definition of areas on some of the maps, e.g., relating to Waimakariri District Council area, as the lines on the map would be clearer for Rangiora and Kaiapoi than for Woodend as there were processes currently underway which meant there was uncertainty around some areas of land.

Cr Cunningham thanked Council for the opportunity to be involved in the Hearings Panel process as she had learnt a considerable amount from being involved. She commented on the high standard of submissions received by the Panel. On behalf of Cr Neill she advised that he wished to thank staff for the professional way they responded to the requests of the Councils.

Laurie McCallum (Energy Transport Planning Manager) provided an overview of the UDS process.

Mr McCallum commented that the Hearings were carried out extremely well with elected members representing the UDS Councils working very effectively together as a team.

He said that the response of the Hearing Committee, being presented to Council at this meeting, is to be presented to the UDS Forum on 16 March. He also advised that a tracked changes version of the Draft UDS was being prepared so that Councillors could be informed of what modifications are proposed to be made to the Draft UDS with a view to Council adopting the final UDS document on 18 April. Any significant issues identified with the Draft UDS will need to be resolved before the final document is signed off. Mr McCallum commented that there appeared to be no really significant issues as far as the Regional Council is concerned.

Once adopted, the document will be printed early May with a view to the Prime Minister coming to Christchurch to help celebrate the finalisation of the UDS.

Alice Ann Wetzel (Senior Resource Management Planner) then briefed Council on the key issues of substance and the main resolutions of the Hearing Panel's deliberations. Ms Wetzel talked to the major matters that the Hearing Panel dealt with and key areas requiring some modification to the Draft UDS.

She advised that of approximately 470 submissions, the panel heard 90 submitters between 26 February and 8 March 2007. Out of these submissions have come 12 headline bulk issues. These issues and the Hearings Panel recommendations relating to each of the issues are detailed in the tabled document. Ms Wetzel worked through each of the 12 issues responding to discussion and questions.

Mr McCallum closed the briefing by again advising that a tracked changes version of the Draft UDS incorporating the responses from the Hearings Panel to the submissions will be circulated to all Councillors. He stressed the importance of Councillors indicating an early stage any issues of significance for consideration.

**Resolved**

***That the information detailing a response of the Urban Development Strategy Hearings Panel to the submissions to the Draft Urban Development Strategy be received.***

Cr Woods/Cr Cunningham

**5. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no extraordinary and urgent business

The Chairman advised that the report of the Finance and Audit Committee meeting held with the public excluded on 14 March is to be presented to the 26 April Council meeting.

The meeting moved into public excluded session at 11.47 a.m.

**6. MEETING WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

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

**6.1 KART CLUB RELOCATION ONTO ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY OWNED LAND**

***The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution, 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:***

| <i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i>                 | <i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>  | <i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i> |
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| <b>6.1 Kart Club relocation onto Environment Canterbury owned land</b> | <b><i>That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest.</i></b> | <b>Section 48(1)(a)</b>   |

***This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular 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:***

**6.1 *Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – section 7(2)(i)***

Cr Burke/Cr Waters

Cr Johnston requested that his vote against considering this item with the public excluded be recorded.

The meeting resumed in open meeting at 12.29 p.m.

Council resolved that the report relating to item 6.1, Kart Club relocation onto Environment Canterbury Land received with the public excluded, and the following resolution made with the public excluded be made available to the public:

***Resolved***

***That Environment Canterbury advises the Christchurch City Council that it does not support its' request and declines the relocation of the Christchurch Kart Club onto land owned by Environment Canterbury on Weedons Ross Road, West Melton.***

Cr Kirk/Cr slee

**7. NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meetings are to be held on Wednesday 18 April and Thursday 26 April 2007.

**8. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

CONFIRMED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_