

**MINUTES OF THE 294TH MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 58 KILMORE STREET, CHRISTCHURCH ON
THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2007 AT 11.27 A.M.**

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PRESENT

Councillors T K Burke (Chairman), R A Budd, A S Carroll, E H Cunningham, R M Kirk, R I R Little, A R McKay, J F Slee, N J Wagner, 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).

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cr Johnston.

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

Laurie McCallum (Energy Transport Planning Manager) introduced this item seeking Council adoption of the recommendations of the UDS Hearing Panel on the Draft UDS, approval of the Final UDS document, and approval for the establishment and membership of the UDS Implementation Committee.

A plan "Indicative UDS Settlement Pattern" was tabled.

Crs Budd and Neill as Council's representatives on the Urban Development Strategy Hearings Panel presented their views on the hearing panel process and outcome. It was commented that it had been a new way of working supported by both the Local Government Act and the Christchurch community. The Regional Policy Statement formed an integral part of the UDS and it was clear throughout the hearing process that there would be a RPS change which would include maps, in order to implement

the UDS. It was commented that the question of the underground aquifer was at the forefront of discussions with any changes aligning to Council's position.

There was discussion on the progress on the preparation of the change to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement to implement the Urban Development Strategy with respect to Christchurch groundwater quality management, and Variation to Chapter 4 of the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan (NRRP) in relation to the management of Christchurch groundwater. It was agreed that the issues relating to Christchurch groundwater quality management were to be strongly promoted.

Crs Cunningham and Little also spoke of their roles in the process with all Councillors complimentary of the way the councils worked together at both staff and elected member level.

Resolved

That the Council:

- (a) Adopts the recommendations of the UDS Hearing Panel on submissions to the Draft Urban Development Strategy for Greater Christchurch.***
- (b) Adopts the Urban Development Strategy for Greater Christchurch dated April 2007.***
- (c) Formally thanks all involved, including Councillors and staff and community members of the UDS Forum, for their contribution to the development of the UDS and their ability to work together as an effective team for the betterment of Christchurch.***
- (d) Pursuant to Clause 30, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 establishes a Joint Committee of Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council, Selwyn District Council and the Canterbury Regional Council to implement the UDS, and that the Committee have the terms of reference and membership set out in Appendix 1 of the report by Bill Wasley, 4 April 2007.***
- (e) Approves of the RPS Change for the UDS being a project, which is considered by the UDS Implementation Committee.***
- (f) Appoints Crs Budd and Neill to the UDS Implementation Committee with Cr Cunningham as an alternate member.***

Cr Neill/Cr Budd

Cr Waters/Cr Carroll

3. PROPOSED NRRP CHAPTER 4 WATER QUALITY – CHRISTCHURCH GROUNDWATER SYSTEM AND PROPOSED CHANGE TO RPS FOR THE UDS

The purpose of this paper was to provide an update on the progress on the preparation of the change to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement to implement the Urban Development Strategy with respect to Christchurch groundwater quality management, and Variation to Chapter 4 of the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan (NRRP) in relation to the management of Christchurch groundwater.

Resolved

That the report on the Christchurch groundwater variation to Chapter 4 of the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan and its interrelationship with the Change to the RPS for the purpose of implementing the UDS, be received.

Cr Budd/Neill

4. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS

There was no extraordinary and urgent business

5. NEXT MEETING

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

6. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

CONFIRMED

DATE _____ CHAIRMAN