

## ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY

### MINUTES OF THE 280<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 58 KILMORE STREET, CHRISTCHURCH ON TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2006 AT 9.30 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, A R McKay, A G Neill, M E Oldfield, 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 N Pilbrow (Acting Director Finance and Corporate Services).

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Cr N J Wagner.

#### 2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7 JUNE 2006

##### *Resolved*

***That the Council minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2006 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.***

Cr Budd/Cr McKay

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

**Page 9 – Uniform Annual General Charge and Charging for Water Management Services** – It was requested that before consultation takes place Council should discuss and decide on some of the principles relating to UAGC and charging for water management.

Cr Oldfield arrived at 9.40 a.m.

**Page 11 – LTCCP** – Cr Woods advised that (in light of the situation regarding the Waimate District Council and their LTCCP process) he was requesting clarification from the Ombudsman relating to the Chairman citing the Local Government Act when not accepting a motion requesting a budget cut due to there not being identification of levels of service.

### 4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no deputations and petitions.

### 5. ADOPTING THE 2006/16 LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN

Neil Pilbrow, Acting Director Finance and Corporate Services, tabled a document detailing final amendments to Parts A and B of the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2006/16. He commented that all amendments approved by Council at the 7 June meeting had been incorporated into the document circulated with the agenda. He further advised that final minor subsequent amendments Part A and Part B were included in the tabled document.

Mr Pilbrow advised that Julian Tan, Audit NZ, was not available to attend the Council meeting, but had advised that following Council approving the LTCCP incorporating all changes without amendment, Audit New Zealand's audit certificate would be provided electronically.

There was discussion on the need to improve the LTCCP process and Council requested that a review be undertaken to enable Council to consider improvements to future LTCCP processes.

There was also discussion on the correct operating expenditure figure for the 10-year period and whether it was \$34M as stated on page 3 of the document or \$46M. Mr Pilbrow responded by advising that the 10-year period incorporating a \$34M figure did not take into account the 2005/06-year, which was outside the longer period covered by the LTCCP Cr Little requested that his concerns about increasing costs to the community be recorded.

#### **Resolved**

- (a) ***That the Council receives the 2006/16 Long Term Council Community Plan, Parts A and B, including charges under Section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991, Section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002 and Section 13 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, as the document submitted for audit, and notes the tabled schedule of final amendments provided to the Auditor.***

Cr Budd/Cr Waters

A division was called for and recommendation (a) was CARRIED, the voting being as follows:

<b>For (9)</b>	<b>Against (3)</b>	<b>Abstention (1)</b>	<b>Absent (1)</b>
Cr Budd	Cr McKay	Cr Slee	Cr Wagner
Cr Burke	Cr Oldfield		
Cr Carroll	Cr Woods		
Cr Cunningham			
Cr Johnston			
Cr Kirk			
Cr Little			
Cr Neill			
Cr Waters			

Mr Pilbrow presented by way of a data show the unqualified opinion from Audit New Zealand and said that the opinion of Audit New Zealand was that the LTCCP provided a reasonable basis for long-term integrated decision-making by Environment Canterbury and for participation in decision-making by the public and subsequent accountability to the community about the activities of Environment Canterbury. He advised that copies of this opinion could be made available to Councillors.

***Resolved***

***(b) That the Council receives the Audit Certificate.***

Cr Budd/Cr Cunningham

Cr Oldfield requested that his vote against recommendation (b) be recorded.

***Resolved***

***(c) That the Council adopts the audited 2006/16 Long Term Council Community Plan, Parts A and B, including charges under Section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991, Section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002 and Section 13 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1997 (incorporating the amendments required by audit).***

Cr Budd/Cr Carroll

A division was called for and recommendation (c) was CARRIED, the voting being as follows:

<b>For (8)</b>	<b>Against (4)</b>	<b>Abstention (1)</b>	<b>Absent (1)</b>
Cr Budd	Cr McKay	Cr Slee	Cr Wagner
Cr Burke	Cr Neill		
Cr Carroll	Cr Oldfield		
Cr Cunningham	Cr Woods		
Cr Johnston			
Cr Kirk			
Cr Little			
Cr Waters			

Cr Slee requested that the reason for her abstentions be recorded. She advised that she abstained from voting because she was not prepared to vote on an issue when she considered that the process was not inclusive. She referred to the 7 June meeting when large documents were tabled at the same meeting the Council was requested to make a decision.

**6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**7. QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**8. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The meeting agreed to receive a matter of information from Cr McKay under extraordinary and urgent business. Cr McKay advised of the recent death of Snow Luxton, a hard working community person and member of the Ashburton Total Mobility Committee.

**9. NEXT MEETING – 29 JUNE 2006**

**10. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 10.35 a.m.

CONFIRMED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_