

**Minutes of Open Meeting No. SG23/09 of the SmartGrowth Leadership Group  
held on 13 September 2023  
at Bay of Plenty Regional Council, 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga**

**Present**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Andrew Turner
<b>Bay of Plenty Regional Council</b>	Cr. Jane Nees Cr. Stuart Crosby Cr. Ron Scott (alternate)
<b>Tauranga City Council Commissioners</b>	Anne Tolley Bill Wasley Stephen Selwood Shad Rolleston (alternate)
<b>Western Bay of Plenty District Council</b>	Mayor James Denyer Cr. John Scrimgeour Cr. Don Thwaites
<b>Tāngata Whenua Representatives</b>	Maire Duncan Geoff Rice Whitiora McLeod Riki Nelson Matemoana McDonald (alternate)
<b>Minister for Local Government</b>	Richard Ward (alternate)
<b>Minister for Housing</b>	Brad Ward (alternate)
<b>Waka Kotahi</b>	David Speirs (Non-voting)
Quorum	11
Meeting Frequency	Quarterly

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**In Attendance****SmartGrowth**

C Batchelar – SmartGrowth Strategic Advisor  
A Lane – SmartGrowth Strategy Convenor  
T P Kawe – SmartGrowth Pou Ārahi Advisor  
E Conroy – SmartGrowth Kai Ārahi Advisor  
J Assink – SmartGrowth Coordinator

**Bay of Plenty Regional Council**

F McTavish – Chief Executive  
N Poutasi – General Manager, Strategy & Science

**Tauranga City Council**

M Grenfell – Chief Executive  
C Jones – General Manager, Strategy, Growth & Governance

**Western Bay of Plenty District Council**

J Holyoake – Chief Executive  
Rachel Davie – General Manager, Strategy & Community  
Emily Watton – Strategic Policy & Planning Programme Director

**Ministry of Housing and Urban Development**

John McDonald – Partnership Director, Place-Based Strategy  
Rebecca Tong – Principal Advisor

**Transport System Plan**

D Kimpton – Independent Chair  
S Jones – Programme Manager

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**SG23/09.01 KARAKIA TĪMATANGA**

Te Pio Kawe opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Anne Tolley, as outgoing Acting Chair, acknowledged Andrew Turner, welcoming Andrew to the role of SmartGrowth Independent Chair.

Andrew Turner acknowledged Anne Tolley for undertaking the role of Acting Chair.

Matire Duncan on behalf of the SmartGrowth Leadership Group Tangata Whenua members welcomed Andrew Turner and acknowledged Anne Tolley for insights in to where we have been and where are going and for her services whilst Acting Chair.

Andrew Turner acknowledged SmartGrowth members, partners, Tangata Whenua and SmartGrowth team for the welcome and support provided to him since his appointment.

Andrew Turner acknowledged the amount of work undertaken by the SmartGrowth team, working group, topic leads, partners, CTWF and representatives to bring together the papers which form today's agenda.

**SG23/09.02 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence received from Nigel Tutt, Sarah Mitchell, Cr. Paula Thompson, Brad Ward.

**Moved: Cr Ron Scott / Seconded: Cr Jane Nees**

**That it be Resolved**

That the apologies were accepted.

**CARRIED****SG23/09.03 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Jane Nees advised she is a Hearings panel member for Rotorua FDS and panel member for Plan Change 6 – Change to RPS for NPS-UD and a resident of one of the future built in corridors in the Western Corridor.

Bill Wasley – confirmed previous declaration of potential conflict with daughter and son-in-law as residents of Gasson Lane.

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**SG23/09.06** **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – SMARTGROWTH LEADERSHIP GROUP (SG23/06) – DATED 13 JUNE 2023 (PAPER A)**

The Committee considered the minutes of the SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SG23/06) dated 13 June 2023 circulated with the agenda.

Bill Wasley noted on page 13 of the minutes he moved the updated report. It was agreed to add Acting Chair Anne Tolley as seconder.

**Moved: Cr Jane Nees / Seconded: Commissioner Anne Tolley**

**That it be Resolved**

That the minutes of the SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SG23/06) dated 13 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED****SG23/06.07** **QUARTERLY REPORT (PAPER B)**

Craig Batchelar spoke to the Quarterly Report (Paper B) which was taken as read.

Updated comments:

- Comment in paragraph 17 regarding “Plan on a Page” for interregional transport plan is not yet ready. Advised that the document will be finalised over the next few weeks and provided to the SmartGrowth Leadership Group for information.
- Appendix 1 - Priority Actions – should read “third quarter”, not “first quarter”.
- Confirmation was sought on the process and timing for the Inter-regional transport plan as this would be a useful input to the Regional Land Transport Plan.
- Summary of the available and feasible housing as reported indicates a level of comfort there is 5x supply of land enabled, whereas within the full report in the Appendix (para 22 of page 32 of agenda highlights only 19,000 of this would be available for intensification and medium density with wider greenfields to top up to 30,000 for TCC.
- Existing housing gap, focus in report is looking forward although TCC already have gap of 5,000 homes without consideration of demand and supply, numbers indicated in draft SG Strategy tables don’t appear to pick this up or referenced this within the text.

**Moved: Cr Stuart Crosby / Seconded: Cr Jane Nees**

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**That it be Resolved:**

That the SmartGrowth Leadership Group:

1. **Note** the updates provided in the Quarterly Report.
2. **Receive** the submissions made on the Te Tuhinga Hukihuki o te Rautaki Whakawhanake I te Apopo o Rotorua, the Future Development Strategy.
3. **Receive** the report '*11.4 Tauranga City Growth Projections and Allocations*', provided in response to 13 June SLG meeting resolution 8.

**CARRIED**

SG23/09.08

**APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT SMARTGROWTH STRATEGY FOR CONSULTATION (PAPER C)**

Craig Batchelar spoke to Approval of the Draft SmartGrowth Strategy for Consultation (Paper C), which was taken as read.

Nichola Lennard was unable to attend the meeting. Nichola was acknowledged for the work undertaken to bring the strategy together following the workshop, along with others in the SmartGrowth team.

There is scope for minor text changes only, however if there are major changes, would need to be made by way of a submission.

Comments on draft Strategy:

- The executive summary, which is the only thing people will read, shows a focus on reducing carbon emissions and multi-modal shifts. However, people, including commerce, will need to use vehicles to move around who are not mentioned – plumbers, electricians, builders, as well as those dropping off children and picking up groceries. Under Key Transport Challenges, congestion isn't visible. In both Tauranga and Western Bay, if asked, the biggest challenge would be congestion. It was agreed reference to those who need to use vehicles and congestion to be clearly included.
- Increasing Biodiversity, amend reference to "Indigenous Biodiversity".
- Executive Summary – page 15, Strategy pages 127 & 148 – tables imply most Te Kainga growth is post 2054. Delays around Te Tumu are a potential driver however Te Kainga is something to be progressed and should be making substantial progress prior to 2054. Include line / footnote to signal the potential to move faster than draft FDS shows. Changes to the FDS would need to be made in the final version via internal submissions.
- Acknowledgement of the work put in by the team, along with the Political Champions around amendments to the transformational shifts. Support of new transformational shifts which set this strategy apart from previous strategy and growth directives which are key.

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- Further work is required on the maps to add text which references / links to the website where the maps can be viewed in greater detail, with ability to toggle layers on and off.
- Front Cover Strategy 2023 – add an end date: “SmartGrowth Strategy 2023-2073”
- Page 5 - Opening Paragraph states the SmartGrowth Strategy is a “50-year plan”, amend to SmartGrowth Strategy is a “50-year direction”.
- Maps – page 17 of Executive Summary – has “staging” noted but does not show the wider extent of the area under the SDP assessment. The wider Tauranga Western Corridor area, which includes Tauriko West and Keenan Road, is being investigated through the Specified Development Process. Changes in the extent, timing, type, and scale of urban development may follow from this. A footnote to be added.
- Clarification sought on whether the Tangata Whenua Spatial Plan work was complete. The Tangata Whenua “spatial plan” is an ongoing planning process. FDS identifies the subregional priority areas where further local level spatial planning will occur over time through the Implementation and Funding Plan.
- SmartGrowth partners have agreed there is a strong preference and need for Western Corridor transport improvements to be delivered in a single stage within a decade (by 2034) as opposed to the proposed staged delivery over many years potentially extending until 2050 given the significance of the corridor locally and nationally. Add a footnote to “Western Corridor” table reference.
- Reminder re the 5,000-housing gap raised earlier in the meeting (Quarterly Report) to be addressed.
- Challenge of whether there is sufficient capacity in natural resources to accommodate growth of the city. Can this be included along the lines of “Can the Western Bay natural resources accommodate the expected growth, according to SmartGrowth’s own data” e.g., is there enough water to allow the expected growth?” It was noted SmartGrowth is undertaking a study for future water resources which is currently underway. Look for this to be included / make mention of as is relevant. Both the challenge and the study being undertaken need to be reflected. Amendments to be made that further highlight that the strategy must accommodate growth within limits.
- A strong focus on the Implementation and Funding Plan realising detail is to come, with timing of this being key. Need to start work on this in parallel with the deliberations and adoption process work being undertaken to enable to move quickly to implementation work and funding, in alignment with LTP’s in 2024.

**Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley / Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood**  
**That it be Resolved**

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That the SmartGrowth Leadership Group:

1. **Approve** the changes made to the Draft SmartGrowth Strategy to reflect feedback received.

**CARRIED**

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**SMARTGROWTH STRATEGY SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURE – UPDATE (PAPER D)**

Annika Lane spoke to the SmartGrowth Strategy Special Consultative Procedure - Update (Paper D) which was taken as read.

Paper sets out the Special Consultative Procedure process to ensure compliance with LGA requirements, including a requirement for a “Statement of Proposal” (SOP).

Comment that the Draft SOP should address safety: around schools, workplaces, shops, etc. In page 7 where challenges and opportunities are – “safe and efficient movement of people and good”. Don’t see this as a challenge or opportunity, is a priority.

Rather than “Road Safety” in Economic Objectives, move wording under Social Objectives as this will place priority on Safety:

- From: Enable and shape an inclusive, sustainable efficient and more environment form
- To: Enable and shape an inclusive and safe, sustainable, efficient and more environment form”

Ensure remains with Transport, not moved from Transport to Social.

Noting that the SOP is a summary of the strategy for the public record, the strategy will also be amended to incorporate the changes.

**Moved: Mayor James Denyer / Seconded: Geoff Rice**

**That it be Resolved**

That the SmartGrowth Leadership Group:

1. **Note** the Special Consultative Procedure process and timeline.
2. **Approve** the final draft of the SmartGrowth Strategy and Executive Summary for consultation and the Statement of Proposal.
3. **Approve** consultation on the Draft SmartGrowth Strategy under s83 of the Local Government Act 2002 using the Special Consultative Procedure.
4. **Delegate** to the Independent Chair authority to make minor changes and amendments to the Draft SmartGrowth Strategy, Executive Summary and Statement of Proposal prior to consultation.

**CARRIED**

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**PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

The SmartGrowth Leadership Group:

1. **Agree** that the public be excluded from the following parts of this meeting: Priority Development Areas (PDA) Tracker and Ministerial Meeting Update.
2. **Note** that this resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and that the report is to be considered under closed in accordance with s7(2)(i) - enables any local authority holding information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

**Moved: Cr. Stuart Crosby / Seconded: Commissioner Anne Tolley**

**That it be Resolved**

That the meeting moves into closed session.

**CARRIED**

**The meeting moved into closed session at 9.59am**

**The meeting resumed in open session at 10.01am**

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

SG23/09.12

**KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Te Pio Kawe formally closed the proceedings.

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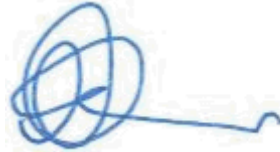


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The meeting concluded at 10.05am

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Confirmed as a true and correct record

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**Chairperson  
Andrew Turner**

Date: 21 December 2023