

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Strategy Committee held in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown on Wednesday 5 February 2020 commencing at 1.01pm

Present

Councillors Clark(Chair), MacDonald, Miller, Shaw and Smith

In Attendance

Mr Tony Avery (General Manager, Planning and Development), Mr Ian Bayliss (Planning Policy Manager), Ms Fiona Blight (Resource Consent Manager), Mr Andrew Woodford (Senior Resource Consent Planner), Ms Katharine Hockly (Associate Counsel), Ms Heidi Baillie (Senior Legal Counsel), Ms Stacey Harris (Governance Advisor); and 1 member of the media

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Committee meeting of the triennium.

Apologies

Councillor MacLeod was on approved leave of absence.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Smith noted his personal involvement as a submitter to the mapping section of Stage 1 of the Proposed District Plan.

Councillor Shaw noted her personal involvement working on the Resource Consent for the North Lake Hotel.

Public Forum

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters lying on the table.

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration.

1. Update on decisions on the Proposed District Plan

A report presented by Mr Ian Bayliss (Planning Policy Manager) and Ms Katharine Hockly (Associate Counsel) provided an update to the Planning & Strategy Committee on decisions from the Environment Court on appeals to Council's decisions on the Proposed District Plan.

The report was taken as read.

The Committee discussed the details of the report. It was confirmed that the Council had decided to appeal the Environment Court's decision on Arthurs Point due to the potential for complications with future development of the Proposed District Plan (PDP). It was clarified that all communications regarding the Arthurs Point appeal needed to occur through the Court and that it was important for Council to maintain an independent position throughout the process.

The Committee discussed the potential impact of the Environment Court decisions on the strategic chapters of the PDP, and it was agreed that Council Officers would report back to the Planning & Strategy Committee with their responses to the Court's directions.

It was recognised that since the initial notification of Stage 1 of the Proposed District Plan the community, Environment Court and Council staff had invested a lot of time and hard work in to managing the ongoing appeals process.

On the motion of Councillors Smith and MacDonald the Planning & Strategy Committee resolved to:

- 1. Note the contents of the report; and**
- 2. Request for the Council Officers to report back to the Planning & Strategy Committee on responses to the Environment Court directions.**

Recommendation to Exclude the Public

On the motion of Councillors McDonald and Shaw the Planning & Strategy Committee resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting:

It is recommended that the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting:

The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

Agenda Items:

General subject to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution:	Grounds under Section 7:
<p>2: Request to mediate in relation to the appeal by C G and E L K Streat against the grant of resource consent RM181638 (Treespace Queenstown Limited – Mt Dewar Station)</p>	<p><i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain legal professional privilege • enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) 	<p>s 7(2)(g)</p> <p>s 7(2)(i)</p>
<p>3: Update on appeals relating to Council's decisions on the Proposed District Plan</p>	<p><i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain legal professional privilege • enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) 	<p>s 7(2)(g)</p> <p>s 7(2)(i)</p>

This recommendation is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.

The meeting went into public excluded at 1.29pm.

The meeting came out of public excluded and concluded at 2.30pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chairperson

Date