

**Planning & Strategy Committee
2 August 2018**

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Strategy Committee held on Thursday 2 August 2018 in Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown commencing at 10.00am.

Present

Councillor Hill (Chair), Councillors McRobie, MacLeod and MacDonald

In Attendance

Mr Tony Avery (General Manager Planning & Strategy), Mr Ian Bayliss (Planning Policy Manager), Mr Blair Devlin (Manager Planning Practice), Mr Luke Place (Policy Planer), Ms Shelley Dawson (Senior Governance Advisor) and 1 member of the media

Apologies

There were apologies from Councillors Miller and Smith.

**On the motion of Councillors McRobie and
MacLeod it was resolved that the apologies be
received**

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Matters Lying on the Table

There were no matters on the table.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration.

Confirmation of Minutes

**On the motion of Councillors McRobie and
MacDonald it was resolved that the minutes of
the Planning & Strategy Committee held on 10
May 2018 be accepted**

Councillor MacLeod abstained

1. Council submission on the draft first set of National Planning Standards

Consideration was given to a report that sought agreement to lodge a Council submission on the draft first set of National Planning Standards issued by the Ministry for the Environment. The submission addressed the 24 questions set out in the discussion document plus a section of additional comments. The submission was due on Friday 17 August 2018. Mr Devlin and Mr Place spoke to this item.

Mr Place commented that the points described under paragraph 15 of the agenda highlighted the 8 key areas of their submission. There was discussion on GIS and e-plans. Mr Bayliss commented that moving to an e-plan would bring greater efficiencies for Council and District Plan users making everyday interactions with the plan easier. Mr Place explained that Council generally supported standardisation however they were concerned about the ambiguity of certain standards, some zoning comments and the definitions listed. He noted that for example Council sought clarification and opinion on what a consequential change was.

It was explained that one of the key issues was the timeframe for implementation and QLDC was asking for it to be extended to the next plan review stage. QLDC and other high growth areas, or councils in the middle of a District Plan review had 7 years to implement the standards from the date they were gazetted. Mr Bayliss commented that there was a real possibility QLDC could go through 3 or more years to resolve appeals to the Proposed District Plan and then have to move straight into another review (including submissions and hearings) to adopt these standards. There was also a large cost involved for Local Authorities.

There was discussion on the amount of time taken for reviews and processes around the District Plan. Mr Devlin commented that Council's submission suggested that if government wanted these changes implemented then they should make it as easy and quick as possible.

The Chair commented that this was placing a lot of work on the team when they were already under pressure. He commented that he appreciated the work the team was doing. Mr Devlin commented that he would provide a tracked changes copy of the submission to the Chair to review before it was submitted.

On the motion of Councillors MacDonald and McRobie it was resolved that the Planning & Strategy Committee:

- 1. Note the contents of this report and;**
- 2. Authorise the submission appended as Attachment B to be submitted to the Ministry for the Environment; and**

3. **Authorise officers, in consultation with the Planning and Development Portfolio Leader or Deputy Leader, to make minor and inconsequential changes as necessary (including the use of case study examples) to the submission prior to lodging it.**

Resolution to Exclude the Public

On the motion of Councillors Hill and MacDonald the Planning & Strategy Committee resolved to exclude the public from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting:

Item 2.1: Appeals Subcommittee Minutes 15 February 2018

Item 2.2: Appeals Subcommittee Minutes 29 March 2018

Item 2.3: Appeals Subcommittee Minutes 16 April 2018

Item 2.4: Draft Appeals Subcommittee Minutes 10 May 2018

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:

General subject to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7
Appeals Subcommittee Minutes 15 February 2018	<p>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:</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>

Appeals Subcommittee Minutes 29 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain legal professional privilege <p>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)
Appeals Subcommittee Minutes 16 April 2018	<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) 	s 7(2)(g)
Draft Appeals Subcommittee Minutes 10 May 2018	<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) 	s 7(2)(g)

This resolution was 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 moved into public excluded at 10.14am.

The meeting moved out of public excluded and concluded at 10.18am.

Confirmed as a True and Correct Record:

Chairperson

Date
