



Minutes of a meeting of the
Implementation Committee held in the
Council Chamber on Wednesday 14 September 2022,
commencing at 1:00 PM

Membership

Cr Carmen Hope (Co-Chair)
Cr Bryan Scott (Co-Chair)
Cr Hilary Calvert
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Alexa Forbes
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Kate Wilson

Welcome

Co-Chair Bryan Scott welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 1:00 pm. Staff present included Pim Borren via Zoom, (interim Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly via Zoom (GM Corporate Services), Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Liz Spector (Governance Support), Libby Caldwell (acting Manager Environmental Implementation), Murray Boardman (Performance and Delivery Specialist via Zoom), Anna Ferguson (Principal Advisor Environmental Impl), Pam Wilson (Infrastructure Engineering Lead) and Michelle Mifflin (Manager Engineering).

1. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Hope Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Forbes be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Deaker, Cr Hope, Cr Laws and Cr Robertson were present electronically.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as presented.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Scott Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

6. ACTIONS

Open actions from resolutions of the Committee were reviewed. Dr Gavin Palmer updated the meeting on the open action related to development of a methodology to measure effectiveness of rabbit control under the rules of the Pest Management Plan. He noted staff were planning that a report would be brought to one of the first committee meetings in the triennium.

7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1. Environmental Implementation Quarterly Update

This report provided a quarterly summary of operational implementation activities undertaken in the areas of freshwater, biosecurity, and biodiversity, complementing Annual Plan quarterly reporting. It included details of projects underway, milestones achieved within these projects, and wider business as usual work. Staff members Libby Caldwell (acting Manager Environmental Implementation), Murray Boardman (Performance and Delivery Specialist), and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were available to respond to questions.

Cr Laws requested an update on the Lakes Strategy work. Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science) said the Strategy Team was managing this work and could provide an email update to Councillors to advise what stage the work is in.

Cr Laws asked for a more recent update on rabbit night counts. Mr Boardman said an analysis was underway on a comparison with previous years, noting a report would be generated using proper analytical procedures. He said that report could be ready within a month. Dr Palmer said he would try to get this report to the committee sooner.

Cr Calvert asked if there was a register of all contracts related to Jobs 4 Nature projects, noting such a register should potentially be reviewed by the Audit and Risk Subcommittee. Dr Palmer agreed risks arise when entering into agreements that are dependent upon others to deliver as well as risk and opportunities created when increasing staff to undertake those roles. Cr Calvert said she would rely on Cr Malcolm and the Chief Executive to provide this information to Audit and Risk going forward.

Following further discussion of the report, it was moved:

Resolution IMP22-115: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Notes** the range of implementation activities being undertaken to maintain and improve Otago Regional Council's delivery of environmental implementation activities.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Calvert left the meeting at 1:11 pm.

Cr Calvert returned to the meeting at 1:13 pm.

7.2. Biosecurity Operational Plan 2021/2022 Summary of Performance

This report was provided to report on the implementation of the Biosecurity Operational Plan 2021/22 for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, as required under Section 100C(2) of the Biosecurity Act 1993. Murray Boardman (Performance and Delivery Specialist via Zoom), Libby Caldwell (acting Manager Environmental Implementation) and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were present to respond to questions.

Following a discussion and questions about the report, it was moved:

Resolution IMP22-116: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report and the range of work undertaken to give effect to Otago's Regional Pest Management Plan and the Biosecurity Act 1993.
- 2) **Notes** the lessons learnt from the 2021/22 Biosecurity Operational Plan (BOP) are being applied to the delivery of the 2022/23 BOP.
- 3) **Agrees** for this report and the attached Biosecurity Operational Plan 2021-22 Report to be provided to the Minister for Biosecurity.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3. Large Funding Requests

This report described how site-led programmes and predator free partnerships have been addressed by Otago Regional Council (ORC) and to outline current options within ORC for supporting opportunities for biosecurity collaboration for biodiversity outcomes with external parties. Anna Ferguson (Principal Advisor Environmental Implementation), Libby Caldwell (acting Manager Environmental Implementation) and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were present to respond to questions about the report.

Interim Chief Executive Pim Borren noted the paper was provided to encourage strategic thinking by Councillors on ways to be proactive to funding requests rather than reactive and to help staff set strategic priorities. Chairperson Noone reminded Councillors of the strategic work sessions that were conducted early in the triennium, and he encouraged this work to continue in the new triennium to determine areas of focus for the ORC.

Following further discussion and questions of the report, it was moved:

Resolution IMP22-117: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded

That the Implementation Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Laws left the meeting at 2:03 pm.

7.4. River Management Update

This report provided a quarterly summary of river management operational activities including gravel extraction consents, development of work programmes for 2022/23 and asset management plans for plantings alongside riverbanks. An initial assessment of damage arising from the July/August 2022 floods was also presented. Pam Wilson (Infrastructure Engineering Lead), Michelle Mifflin (Manager Engineering), and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were present to respond to questions about the report.

Several questions were asked about gravel extraction in rivers and Cr Kelliher asked the Council to urgently consider concerns of the community related to gravel accumulation alongside bridges and riverbeds.

Following further discussion, receipt of the report was moved.

Resolution IMP22-118: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Notes** the progress that is being made with the reporting, planning and progression of the framework that supports river management activities.
- 3) **Notes** the preliminary scope and estimate of costs of repairs resulting from the July/August 2022 floods.

MOTION CARRIED

7.5. Climate Resilience Program Update

The report updated the Committee on progress on ORC's Climate Resilience Programme comprising the West Taieri Contour Channel and Bridges Upgrade, Robson Lagoon flow management structures project, Riverbank Road floodbank stabilisation, and the Outram Flood Protection project. Brett Paterson (Team Leader Project Delivery), Michelle Mifflin (Manager Engineering) and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were present to respond to questions about the report. Ms Mifflin said it was timely to update the Committee on the works to provide a snapshot of where ORC is with the projects.

Cr Calvert noted an overrun on certain projects with the Chief Executive acknowledging the significant variation but indicated savings would be found elsewhere. Dr Palmer said there were various drivers for the cost increases and Cr Calvert asked for a brief email from Dr Palmer to Councillors how the overrun occurred.

Following further discussions and questions, the report was noted.

Resolution IMP22-119: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Notes** the progress with ORC's Climate Resilience Programme.

MOTION CARRIED

8. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded:

That the meeting move into public-excluded session under LGOIMA 48(1)(a) to consider the confidential minutes of the 11 August 2022 Implementation Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under [section 48\(1\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

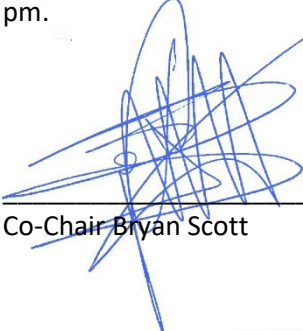
General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<i>Minutes of the 11 August 2022 public-excluded portion of the Implementation Committee meeting</i>	<p>To protect information where the making available of the information— would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information – Section 7(2)(b)(ii)</p> <p>To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a) - Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds:</p> <p>(a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of</p>

	<p>activities – Section 7(2)(h)</p> <p>To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – Section 7(2)(i)</p>	<p>the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist</p>
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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.

9. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Co-Chair Bryan Scott declared the meeting closed at 3:04 pm.



Co-Chair Bryan Scott

14 September 2022

Date



Chief Executive Pim Borren

14 September 2022

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