

**Environmental Science and Policy Committee  
MINUTES**

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**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Environmental Policy and Science Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Thursday 26 September 2024, commencing at 9:00 AM.**

**PRESENT**

Mr Edward Ellison	<i>(Chair)</i>
Ms Karen Coutts	<i>(online)</i>
Cr Alexa Forbes	
Cr Gary Kelliher	<i>(online)</i>
Cr Lloyd McCall	
Cr Tim Mephram	<i>(online)</i>
Cr Andrew Noone	
Cr Gretchen Robertson	
Cr Bryan Scott	
Cr Alan Somerville	
Cr Elliot Weir	
Cr Kate Wilson	

## **1. WELCOME**

Chair Ellison welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 10:30 am with a karakia. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Tom Dyer, (GM Science & Resilience) online, Joanna Gilroy (GM Environmental Delivery), Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer, Deputy CE), Kylie Darragh (Governance Support), and Scott Jarvie (Senior Scientist - Biodiversity).

## **2. APOLOGIES**

It was noted that Cr Laws and Cr Malcom were apologies for this meeting.

## **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

No requests to address the Committee under Public Forum were received.

## **4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was confirmed as published.

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No changes to Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations were held.

## **7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution: Cr Weir Moved, Cr McCall Seconded**

*That the minutes of the Environmental Science and Policy Committee meeting held on 27 June 2024 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **8. OPEN ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE**

There are no current open actions for this committee.

*Cr Mepham left the meeting at 10:33 am.*

*Cr Mepham returned to the meeting at 10:40 am.*

*Cr Robertson left the meeting at 10:47 am.*

## **9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **9.1. Regional Conservation Status of Birds in Otago**

[YouTube 4:28] This paper documented the regional conservation status of birds in the Otago Region. Tom Dyer, GM Science and Resilience, online, and Scott Jarvie, Senior Scientist – Biodiversity was available to respond to questions on the report.

**Resolution ESP24-111: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded**

*That the Environmental Science & Policy Committee:*

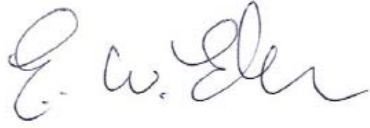
**1) Notes this report.**

**2) Notes that regional threat assessment for other species groups will continue as part of the terrestrial ecology work programme.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **10. CLOSURE**

There was no further business and Chair Edward declared the meeting closed at 11:31 am.



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Chairperson

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