



FUTURE NAPIER COMMITTEE

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday 6 March 2025

Time: 2:15pm – 2:59pm

Venue Large Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's Facebook page

Present **Chair:** Deputy Mayor Brosnan
Members: Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal (Deputy Chair),
Crown, Greig, McGrath, Price, Simpson and Taylor

In Attendance Chief Executive (Louise Miller)
Chief Financial Officer / Acting Executive Director Corporate
Services (Caroline Thomson)
Deputy Chief Executive / Acting Executive Director City Services
(Jessica Ellern)
Executive Director City Strategy (Rachael Bailey)
Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond)
Executive Director Community Services (Thunes Cloete)
Manager Communications and Marketing (Julia Stevens) [online]
Manager Regulatory Solutions (Luke Johnson)
Team Leader Resource Consents (Nick McCool)
Manager City Development (Paulina Wilhelm)
Enterprise Project Management Office (EPMO) Manager (Bruce
Lake)
Economic Development Manager (Bill Roberts)
Team Leader City Design and Urban Renewal (Georgina King)
Strategic Programmes Manager (Darran Gillies)
Communications Specialist (Kate Penny)

Administration Governance Advisors (Jemma McDade and Carolyn Hunt)

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Karakia

Apologies

Councillors Simpson / Chrystal

That the apologies from Mayor Wise and Councillors Mawson and Tareha be accepted.

Carried

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi representative, Tiwana Aranui, did not attend the meeting.

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Nil

Announcements by the Mayor

Nil

Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

Announcements by the management

Nil

Confirmation of minutes

Councillors Price / Browne

That the Minutes of the Future Napier Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 October 2024 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. PROJECT AND ACTIVITY UPDATE - CITY STRATEGY

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1826854
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Jessica Le Roux, EA to Executive Director City Strategy Darran Gillies, Strategic Programmes Manager Luke Johnson, Manager Regulatory Solutions Bruce Lake, Enterprise Project Management Office (EPMO) Manager Paulina Wilhelm, Manager City Development Bill Roberts, Economic Development Manager Georgina King, Team Leader City Design and Urban Renewal

1.1 Purpose of Report

To provide Council updates on key projects and activities managed within the City Strategy Directorate. The projects and activities reported on may vary from report to report, depending on what interests the Council.

At the meeting

The officers presented the report.

The **Civic Precinct** project is on track and on budget. The tender process for the main contractor is under way, with a preferred contractor to be presented mid-April and work to begin mid-July.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- Storyboard imagery will be displayed in the next two to six weeks. Hoardings from the Veronica Sun-bay display will be re-purposed and the opportunity for community art to be displayed will be explored.
- The detachable mural that was created circa 2016 has been stored. All artwork removed from the site has been recorded.

The **Waka Hub** concept design has gone through four wānanga between October and January to develop a memorandum of understanding.

There were no questions.

Hearings for the **Future Development Strategy** are being held in March. The Strategy is scheduled to be finalised by mid-2025.

Questions were answered clarifying:

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- The hearings are likely to be online as the Future Development Strategy is a public document.

The **Freedom Camping Bylaw** is being prepared and will come to Council in May. The Bylaw will be in place by 1 July 2025.

There were no questions.

The **Climate Action Joint Committee** will release the risk assessment documents for public comment on 31 March 2025.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- Reports include information relating to Council and regional carbon emissions.

Council has provided feedback to the Environment Development Agency regarding the **Riverbend Road Fast Track Consenting Process**. If the fast track process is endorsed, Council will be able to provide detailed feedback raising concerns.

There were no questions.

Parking issues will be addressed during a workshop next month with modelling options presented for Taradale, Ahuriri and the CBD.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- Public transport and walking are not part of this strategy, though work is being undertaken separately in these areas.

The **global economic** situation with the United States of America will affect certainty and growth, though local growth is steady. Local businesses have requested greater collaboration, and this will be worked on this year.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- The local median income is higher than the national average, however Napier has a huge variety in terms of income. The figures look good, but Council has to be aware of those at the lower end.

The **EPMO** has been focussed on improving our data and the new systems being implemented are going well. Progress is pleasing.

There were no questions.

**COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

Councillors Simpson / Crown

The Future Napier Committee:

- a. Receive the report titled "Project and Activity Update – City Strategy".

ACTION: Update Councillors as to whether the Future Development Strategy Hearings will be livestreamed.

Carried

2. RESOURCE CONSENTS ACTIVITY UPDATE

Type of Report:	Information
Legal Reference:	N/A
Document ID:	1831960
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	Nick McCool, Team Leader Resource Consents

2.1 Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on recent resource consenting activity. The report is provided for information purposes only, so that there is visibility of major projects and an opportunity for Elected Members to understand the process.

Applications are assessed by delegation through the Resource Management Act (RMA); it is not intended to have application outcome discussions as part of this paper.

At the meeting

The officer presented the report.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- The response relating to 65 Munroe Street has only recently been provided to Council, there is a lot to consider and it is progressing.
- Heritage assessments undertaken for the proposed District Plan found a need to be more specific. The weight of the planning tool needed depends on the status of the planning tool at the time, and whether or not it was notified at the time. That determines the heritage protections under the District Plan.
- Applicant names have been removed to be fair to all.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillors Chrystal / Greig

The Future Napier Committee:

- a. Note the resource consent activity update for the year end and period 8 October 2024 to 13 February 2025.

Carried

Minor matters

Nil

The meeting closed at 2:59pm

Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson



Date of approval