CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREATER CHRISTCHURCH URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, 163 Tuam Street on Monday 17 November 2008 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT: Bill Wasley (Chairperson),

Councillors David Ayers, Sir Kerry Burke and Helen Broughton,

Mayor Ron Keating, Mayor Bob Parker,

Councillors Malcolm Lyall, Lindsay Philps and Sue Wells.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from

Mayor Kelvin Coe and Councillors Dan Gordon, Alec Neill and

Eugenie Sage.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Chrissie Williams.

ACTION

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – MEETING OF 15 SEPTEMBER 2008

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of 15 September 2008 as circulated, be taken.

It was noted that Councillor Helen Broughton replaces Councillor Chrissie Williams as one of the Christchurch City Council's representatives for the next six month period.

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

2.1 Christchurch City Council – Biodiversity, Open Space and Water

The session was introduced by Jenny Ridgen Programme Manager, and covered:

Christchurch City Council Healthy Environment Programme

- Key challenges for water supply planning
- Availability and demand
- Who uses the water?
- Issues Service, costs, regulations
- Options
- Where to from here?

ACTION

Water Supply Study

- Introduction to Christchurch's surface water
- UDS implications
- What are we doing?

Biodiversity and Open Spaces

- Council's responsibility
- Threatened environment
- Biodiversity issues
- Who is responsible for biodiversity?
- Biodiversity guiding principles
- Priorities for 2009-2012
- Open space strategy and control
- Importance of open space
- UDS intensification with quality
- Strategic open space acquisition/protection
- Open space issues to resolve

It was concluded that there is no clarity around the Action Plan but there is need to move this forward as a group.

This will be carried out as a major item at the February meeting comprising:

- Gaps
- How to work through (have tangible examples)
- How we get information from strategic partners

2.2 Strategic Partners Forum

Brian Waring of the Automobile Association, and member of the Strategic Partners Forum, presented his thoughts on travel and transportation matters covering:

- Safety and use of car responsibilities
- Make transport a meaningful part of the UDS
- What kind of travel demands there are and the management of these
- Strategy has to be flexible

2.3 Travel Demand Management Strategy and Action Plan

Stuart Woods covered:

- Sustainable transport and quality of life
 - Issues today
 - Getting the balance right
 - Transport tomorrow

James Caygill

ACTION

Roz Rickerby followed with:

- What is TDM
- Strategy process steps
- Draft strategy overview
- Summary of policies, actions and feedback
- Next steps

In the discussion that followed members commented that:

- The strategy was not bold enough nor clear enough
- It was important not to rely only on buses, but the door on passenger rail needed to be left open
- It was about managing the demand side, not the supply side at this stage
- Country people needed parking facilities when they came to town
- The development of commercial sectors in various townships would help relieve the demand for travel

3. BI-MONTHLY IMPLEMENTATION REPORT – INDEPENDENT CHAIR AND IMPLEMENTATION MANAGER

In the joint report, James Caygill highlighted the following matters:

- RPS update Environment Canterbury have appointed commissioners to hear Plan Change Number 1, therefore the judicial review will not be proceeding
- The new National Government cabinet positions were advised
- Mark Yaxley has been appointed to the role of Regional Director Canterbury and West Coast, NZ Transport Agency

Mr Yaxley commented that as a result, the agency would be:

- More regionally focussed
- More regionally engaged
- Will add more strength to the region

In terms of central government funding for transportation, the Chairman noted that this matter is being worked on.

It was **resolved**:

1. That the monthly report by the Independent Chair and Implementation Manager be received.

James Caygill

2. That the next meeting of the UDSIC be on Monday 16 February 2009, commencing at 1.30pm at Waimakariri District Council and that the bi-monthly meeting schedule for 2009 be approved.

Warren Brixton

ACTION 4. **UDS REVIEW UPDATE** It was resolved: 1. That the report of the UDS review/update be received. 2. That a final report on Gaps and the UDS and action plan be presented to the February 2009 meeting of the UDSIC. James Caygill 3. That a draft terms of reference for updating the UDS and action plan be presented to the February 2009 meeting. 5. CENTRAL GOVERNMENT RMA POLICY It was **resolved** that the report of the Implementation Manager on the Government's RMA Policy be received. 6. DRAFT TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT DEMAND **STRATEGY** Reference was made to the earlier discussion on this matter during the presentation section of the agenda, where comment had been made in regards to: Whether the strategy was bold and clear enough The need for better cycle-ways and map provisions The importance of passenger rail Parking policy provisions The need to look at the demand side Land use impact It was resolved: 1. That a Working Party be established comprising the Chairperson, Mayor Bob Parker and Councillor Sue Wells, to review and finalise the Draft Strategy document. James Caygill 2. That the changes made by the Working Party to the document be circulated to members. 3. That the draft Greater Christchurch Travel Demands Management

(TDM) Strategy in Action Plan be approved for consultation purposes,

It was noted that the matter would be included in the February 2009 agenda.

subject to any change made by the Working Party.

The meeting concluded at 4pm.