



GREATER CHRISTCHURCH URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

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

**Held in the Waitaki Room, Environment Canterbury, 58 Kilmore Street, Christchurch,
on Monday 21 July 2008 at 1.30pm**

PRESENT: Bill Wasley (Chairperson),
Councillors David Ayers, Sir Kerry Burke,
Mayor Kelvin Coe, Councillors Malcolm Lyall, Alec
Neill, Mayor Bob Parker, Councillors Lindsay Philps,
Eugene Sage, Sue Wells and Chrissie Williams (from
2.47pm) Mr Colin Knaggs (Transit).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Mayor Ron Keating and for lateness, Councillor Chrissie
Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Helen Broughton and Elaine Cole, James Caygill,
Karen Banwell, Jackie Curtis, Carolyn Ingles, Laurie
McCallum, Simon Markham, Keith Tallentire and Mark Yaxley.

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Meeting of 19 May 2008

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of 19 May 2008, as
circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ACTION

Warren Brixton

2. MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

**3. MONTHLY IMPLEMENTATION REPORT –
INDEPENDENT CHAIR AND IMPLEMENTATION MANAGER**

James Caygill, Implementation Manger spoke to the report covering the following matters.

- Strategic Partners' Forum 9 June 2008
- Attendance at the Contractors' Federation AGM 23 May 2008
- RPS PC1 – new course adopted by Ecan
- Land Transport Management Amendment Bill enactment early July
- UDS Committee meetings – recommended bi-monthly
- Risk Profile – key risks as scheduled – essential Tangata Whenua be followed up for September meeting.

James Caygill

Responding to a question in respect of the challenge relating to Regional Councillors being appointed hear submissions and recommending to the Council upon the proposed change to the RPS, Sir Kerry outlined the legal opinion provided by Professor Philip Joseph, University of Canterbury Law School and Dr Gerard McCoy QC.

Their legal opinion notes: “The statutory context for local authority decision-making excludes the rules for apparent bias. The statutory “roadmap” makes local authorities – which must propose and dispose – interested parties in the decision-making. Under the RMA, the Council must formulate any changes to its RPS, call for and consider submissions on its proposal, and make a final decision.

It reiterates that Council is under no obligation to appoint independent commissioners to hear and recommend on submitters' concerns and that Council must not “renounce the exercise of its statutory functions for which it was democratically elected”.

It also noted that the panel members should not stand aside for the full Council's final deliberations and decision on the proposed change. Sidelining a number of councillors like this could skew the political balance of the Council, contrary to its democratic mandate.

For the record it is noted that Councillor Eugene Sag, Environment Canterbury, took no part in the discussions on the above item.

Sir Kerry also advised the meeting that a media release dated 30 May 2008 was available for perusal on Ecan's website.

Bill Wasley, Independent Chair then, with the use of a power point presentation (attached), sought and received comments on the following matters of mutual interest:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work programme – remainder of 2008 – early 2009• Review of UDS• Role of UDSIC and elected member expectations.	
Discussion points included:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commencement of review will be influenced by available information• Higher appeals from Environment Court decisions may influence time frame• A report relating to the review will be on the agenda for the September meeting• Prioritisation of action sheets eg storm water/waste water strategies rural/residential zones• Status reports from respective authorities• Advocacy and leadership• General public should be made aware of the wider functions of the UDS by way of the Chair and partners• A more data base approach to users• UDS an “anchor point” for related users• Independent chair empowered to “clear blockages!”• Protocols for notifying public at large• Bi-monthly news sheet for all stakeholders• Several matters raised will receive a response by way of the report in September.	James Caygill James Caygill
It was resolved that:	
(a) The monthly report of the Independent Chair and Implementation Manager be received	James Caygill
(b) That UDSIC meetings move to a by-monthly cycle	Warren Brixton
(c) That the remaining monthly meeting dates be kept in members diaries, so that these dates can be utilised if required for a meeting	Warren Brixton
(d) That the next meeting of the UDSIC be held on Monday 15 September 2008, commencing at 1.30pm at the Selwyn District Council offices, Rolleston	Warren Brixton
(e) That a status report be provided by the Selwyn District Council at the above meeting.	James Caygill

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<p>4. DEMOGRAPHIC PROJECTIONS AND MONITORING</p> <p>James Cargill, Implementation Manager, spoke to his report on the need for specialist monitoring of the UDS and specific actions, and to note the formation of a separate Monitoring sub-group of IMG.</p> <p>It was resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The establishment of a monitoring sub-group of UDSIMG be noted(b) Note that the UDSIMG will report to UDSIC in September 2008, once the sub-group has considered how best to progress the monitoring requirements of the UDS.	James Caygill
<p>5. UPDATING UDS DEMOGRAPHIC PROSECUTIONS</p> <p>James Cargill (UDS Implementation Manager) spoke to his report updating the UDSIC on the outcome of discussions with Statistics New Zealand regarding UDS demographic projections and monitoring for the UDS.</p> <p>The report covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners' meeting with Statistics New Zealand• Feedback from Statistics New Zealand• Labour force projections• Family and household projections• Ethnic population projections• Purchase of projections likely to be less than \$4k. <p>Simon Markham also reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracking on the medium variant (population growth is slowing)• Building activity• 2001-2006 an unusual period in rates of population and economic growth. <p>It was resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) UDSIC note the proposed update of the UDS demographic projections(b) UDSIMG report back to UDSIC on the findings of the new projections following a receipt and analyses of data. <p>The meeting noted that the first level of reporting projections was estimated for September 2008.</p>	James Caygill

6. UDS ACTION PLAN

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James Cargill (UDS Implementation Manager) presented an update covering the following items:

- Strategy & Action plan contains 182 discrete actions
- UDS Action Plan – breakdown by status
- Information Gaps
- Pending actions
- Implementation Plan.

James also acknowledged that the themes of discussions earlier in the meeting would be part of future presentations.

It was **resolved**:

- (a) That the report of the Implementation Manger on outstanding items in the UDS Action Plan be received.
- (b) That the implementation manager report on those actions assigned a 'red' status in the spreadsheet attached to the report at each subsequent UDSIC meeting with updated information or recommendations with how to expedite the actions until all actions are eliminated from the group.
- (c) That the implementation manager report on all actions assigned a yellow status in the spreadsheet attached to the report at the UDSIC meetings indicated in section 7 with substantive recommendations for proceeding to implement those actions. This information to be available at the September meeting.

James Caygill

The meeting concluded at 3:13pm.