

Environment and Sustainability Forum
Tuesday 31 July 2018, 1.30-3.30pm
School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue

Forum Members Present	Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust), John Garwood (Fruit Growers Association), Gray Southern (Carbon Action Group), Leo Murray (Permaculture NZ), Glen Crowther (Sustainable Business Network) Dean Tully (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology)	
SmartGrowth	Megan Rumble (Minutes)	
Partner Staff	Rebecca Maiden (Tauranga City Council) Apology: Stephanie Macdonald (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)	
Apologies (forum members)	James Hughes (The Sustainability Society), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society), Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Jo Wills (Sustainability Options)	
Previous minutes and matters arising 5 June 2018		The minutes of the 5 June 2018 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record. Note: Megan/Mary to check the final council recommendation regarding option two being adopted with consultation at the 3 April 2018 Greenfield Workshop. Previous actions: Complete
	ACTION	Megan/Mary to follow up on outcome from the 3 April 2018 Greenfield Workshop. Meeting post note: Recommendation as follows: Moved Cr Baldock/Seconded Cr Clout That it be Resolved That the City Transformation Committee: (a) Notes that work is underway to develop a Plan Change for Te Tumu and Tauriko West that will provide for and encourage good quality medium density housing outcomes. (b) Recommends to Council support for the Te Tumu and Tauriko West Plan Changes (and other mechanisms) to provide for: i) Minimum density requirements greater than 15 dwellings / hectare across each development ii) Specific medium and high density zones with even higher minimum density requirements iii) Minimum requirements to deliver a suitable mix of housing typologies iv) Minimum percentage of one and two bedroom houses in each development v) Minimum requirements for the delivery of universal design in new housing product.

		<p>(c) Notes that staff will work directly with landowners and developers in Te Tumu and Tauriko West on these proposals and to encourage covenants that do not restrict or hinder the delivery of a variety of housing typologies, affordable and social housing and long-term redevelopment potential in these new communities.</p> <p>CARRIED unanimously</p>
<p>Waste Management Strategy Update</p>	<p>UPDATE</p>	<p>Rebecca Maiden presented on the Waste Management Strategy – view the presentation here. Tauranga City Council adopted the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan in 2016. This is a requirement through the Waste Minimisation Act. The first plan was adopted in 2010 and, under the Act, must have been reviewed by the end of September 2016. There are a number of actions in the plan. Read more about the plan here.</p> <p>Rebecca noted there are a number of issues with the current model including concerns around the number of vehicles collecting, road safety, collection safety and concerns around cost on the community and rate payers.</p> <p>Rebecca provided an overview of the Kerbside Waste Audit. Council carried out four waste audits 2016-2017. The audit found that 68.7% of total waste could be diverted through the current system. This same waste audit will be completed once every year from 2018.</p> <p>Organic kitchen waste and organic garden waste make up a large percentage of divertible waste. Education and infrastructure together will help solve this. It was noted Western Bay figures are not hugely different and TCC is working closely with Western Bay. Transfer station waste audits were also carried out.</p> <p>Rebecca noted council are looking to what can be influenced and looking to positive outcomes through council. There are so many more opportunities around electronic waste, 2-7 plastics and other difficult areas that will be looked at in future.</p> <p>It was noted council are showing leadership in the waste space now and this is positive.</p> <p>Questions and discussion followed and points noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleanfill – mostly construction waste – charged per load rather than by weight so difficult to measure. - Currently 292kgs per person recyclables - Target for households diverted 526kgs per person. - Discussion around what makes up 51% of waste given heavy concrete etc. goes to cleanfill. - Council is able to manager and have control over kerbside waste, not commercial or constriction waste. - The forum noted council need to look to be outcome driven rather than focussing on keeping costs down. - Discussion around glass in or out – sort at source was suggested i.e. people doing this in their own home. It was noted it is essential to keep it simple for people given not everyone buys into recycling.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The forum noted it is important to pick the waste issue up in the Environment Strategy. <p>Rebecca provided an overview of next steps as outlined in the presentation and new glass collection service starting from October.</p> <p>Rebecca noted the five educations programmes: Resource Wise – Schools Resource Wise – Homes Resource Wise – Business Resource Wise – Events Resource Wise – Community</p> <p>It was suggested the Resource Wise education programme be a future agenda topic and presentation.</p> <p>Rebecca provided an overview on how the Productivity Commission’s report on a Low Emissions Economy related to TCC’s Waste Management Strategy.</p>
	ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rebecca to notify Megan if anything relevant on council agendas. Megan to advise forum. - Future presentation on resource wise education programme – Megan to arrange.
Transport Update	UPDATE	<p>Glen Crowther updated the forum and noted the recent visit from Hon Julie Anne Genter, Associate Minister of Transport. The Transport Alignment Project, which has 20 organisation taking part, hosted the meeting. Good points were raised and the minister was already aware of most points and concerns. Both in the meeting and afterward the minister showed her incredulity at the number of flyovers in a city of this size and the amount of projected greenfield growth.</p> <p>Glen noted the Ministers view around the Regional Transport Plan. What the government is after is something that will drive down emissions and this is something they have included in the GPS. This is heartening. Subsequently at a recent TCC meeting there was a question around what the government thought about the Regional Transport Plan – there was minimal comment from NZTA.</p> <p>The GPS 2 will look specifically at rail – funding has been allocated for a feasibility study. Genter has a lot of experience in this space from her previous job. It was noted the sub-region still needs to leverage off putting the best plan forward on 31 August. If it’s not in the plan it would then require an amendment to the plan. It is essential to make the most of the opportunity.</p>

	ACTION	Nothing to note
SmartGrowth Partnership Bi-monthly Report	UPDATE	For information and reading: SmartGrowth Partnership Report May 2018 Tauranga City Council Growth Monitoring Report June 2018
	ACTION	
Future Development Strategy	UPDATE	Ken Tremaine's update was circulated. The FDS team are working toward the 7 September SLG meeting.
	ACTION	
General Business	DISCUSSION	Nothing to note.
	ACTION	
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		

Meeting closed 3:43pm. Next meeting Tuesday 25 September 2018 1.30-3.30pm, School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue.

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

July	Megan/Mary to follow up on outcome from the 3 April 2018 Greenfield Workshop Meeting post note: please see above for full resolution passed
July	Rebecca to notify Megan if anything relevant on council agendas. Megan to advise forum.
July	Future presentation on Resource Wise education programme – Megan to arrange with Rebecca.