

Environment and Sustainability Forum
Tuesday 3 April 2018, 9.30-11.30pm
The School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue

Forum Members Present	Jo Wills (Chair/Sustainability Options), Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust), John Garwood (Fruit Growers Association), Glen Crowther (Sustainable Business Network), Leo Murray (Permaculture NZ)	
SmartGrowth	Megan Rumble (Minutes)	
Partner Staff	Celia Walker (TCC – early departure 10.30am) Apologies: Steph Macdonald (BOPRC)	
Apologies (forum members)	Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society), Dean Tully (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology), Buddy Mikaere (CTWF)	
Previous minutes and matters arising		<p>The minutes of the 13 February 2018 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record</p> <p>Previous actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add TOR discussion to the next agenda – Postponed until post forum review, remove action • All forum members to review indicator list before the next meeting – Update to be provided at June meeting • James to send rail report links through to Jo for circulation – Circulated by Megan 4 April 2018 • Bernie to check with Ken Tremaine and Bill Wasley what influence/role does SmartGrowth have around structure planning going forward – The forum has no decision making role but can influence by input into structure planning etc. • James to provide examples of changes made to past structure plans – Action removed, not relevant • Email the two one pagers to the forum. Megan to circulate to the forum – Actioned 14 February • Future agenda item – Housing Demand Report, where to from here. Plus, follow up from Housing in Greenfields Workshop – On agenda today • Please provide feedback via the Urban Strategy Survey and email address – Complete, update today • Jo to talk to Jodie around understanding the WBOPDC LTP consultation process – Community open days will be held along with the opportunity to have your say via submissions http://www.westernbay.govt.nz/our-council/news/Pages/Four-ticks-for-the-future-of-Western-Bay.aspx • Megan email details of green drinks to forum – Actioned 14 February • Jo to come up with an approach with Glen for responding to each of the council plans – Overview today • Jo to speak with Bill Wasley around SmartGrowth speaking to the minister about Regional Passenger Rail – Bill has confirmed this is to be taken up with the Minister during his visit on 18 April

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glen to provide an overview of the above plans to Jo for sharing with the forum (looking at transport as well as other pertinent aspects) – Ongoing/Glen has provided plan submission info. Glen noted Waikato are looking for support for the Waikato Regional Council Long Term Plan with relation to "Hamilton to Auckland passenger rail service" – please see Glen Crowther’s email dated 10 April for info on supporting this.
Chair’s update	Update	Jo Wills has resigned as chair of the E&S forum due to time constraints among other reasons. Jo will have the opportunity to use her time more wisely by giving up the role of chair. The group thanked Jo for her commitment and passion. Discussion followed particularly around the view of the new forum structure. The group is still in favour of the integrated structure that was put forward earlier i.e. developers integrated with other forum members (see notes and diagram attached). It was noted that the Forums ‘Health Check’ is still a matter to revisit, which will provide more clarity.
	ACTION	What is the process from here? – Megan to confirm and come back to the forum post note: the response to the Forums ‘Health Check’ will be revisited with the SmartGrowth Leadership Group. This will provide more clarity around the future structure. In the meantime, Bill Wasley will chair the June E&S forum meeting. Meetings have been scheduled until August 2018.
TCC Environment Strategy	Update	<p>Celia Walker from TCC was present to provide an update on the Tauranga Environment Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first phase of the project, which was to understand the current state of environment including future aspirations and priorities, has come to an end. The survey collated over 1000 responses. A Regional Emissions Inventory was also carried out along with 15 one to one interviews. Celia spoke to the background document, which was generated from the first stage findings. This shows key themes and views. This document highlights climate change. View the background document here. \$1.7m has been earmarked in the Long Term Plan (LTP) for the next three years to be used to look at impact, understanding what we are facing as a city. Primarily infrastructure resilience. Discussion around mitigation – can this be sped up? Celia encouraged all to submit through the LTP – here. Discussion followed around waste management, food/green waste. Aspirations? Celia noted the Waste Minimisation Action Plan. Where to from here? Workshops will be held over the next two weeks. The strategy creating phase will begin. The strategy will be co-developed with stakeholders, Tangata Whenua, staff and elected members. Focus on actions. This phase will run until July and is the engagement phase. Joel Peters will be joining TCC and will be taking over from Celia mid-April.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can this forum support the process? Engage once the strategy has been developed through public consultation. - It was noted that the process council is going through is really positive with a cross sector of engagement/involvement.
	ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jo/Megan to arrange Rebecca Maiden from the Waste team to come along and speak to the forum - Glen to provide feedback to the forum on outcomes from the Environment Strategy workshops - Megan to arrange Joel Peters to attend the next E&S forum meeting in relation to Environment Strategy Workshops
Housing in Greenfields February Workshop follow up	Update	<p>Tauranga City Council held the Housing in Greenfields workshop on 14 February. There were good presentations from Veros, Christine Ralph on behalf of HAF and Lifemark on Universal Design. Developers spoke also including Carrus.</p> <p>A Councillor and staff member from Queenstown Lakes District Council presented about the impact of AirBnB on the area and seasonal worker accommodation. They are setting up a trust using council land to provide affordable housing. People need to meet a certain criteria to access houses. This is for the working population and provides security of tenure. People can buy the houses but must sell back within same cost.</p> <p>A second follow up workshop is happening this afternoon (3 April). John Garwood will attend and provide feedback to the forum at the next meeting.</p> <p>Leo spoke about Queenstown Committee and suggested they could speak to this forum/SmartGrowth. They are doing excellent work in the growth space. Jo agreed she would speak to Bernie and Bill about this.</p>
	ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Garwood to report back to forum on the April Housing in Greenfield workshop. - Jo to speak to Bernie/Bill regarding Queenstown Committee speaking to SmartGrowth.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bay of Plenty Regional Council Land Transport Plan submission - Bay of Plenty Regional Council Long Term Plan submission -Tauranga City Council Long Term Plan 	Update/ Discussion	<p>The submissions by Sustainability Options to the BOPRC Land Transport Plan and Long Term Plan were attached to the agenda for your information. Jo noted others were encouraged to submit.</p> <p>TCC Long Term Plan – view details here – there are nine key areas out for consultation until 16 April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rating structure changes, including the proposed increase to the commercial rates ● Finding the right level of investment in public transport and roading ● Waste and recycling options ● Museum and library proposals

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	ACTION	Megan to circulate request for support re: Waikato Passenger Rail post note: please see Glen Crowther's email to E&S Forum dated 10 April
Tauranga Urban Strategy (TUS)	Update	<p>Jo Wills provided an update on behalf of Ana Hancock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Future Development Strategy (FDS) is required under the National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity for all high growth centres. The FDS requires that Councils ensure that there is sufficient zoned and serviced land, which will meet the projected population growth over the next 30 years. - The Western BOP FDS will encompass the principles of centres based intensification in the TUS. It will also include planned Greenfield developments such as Tauriko West and Te Tumu. - Review of elements of the City Plan over the next couple of years will provide much more certainty over how and where intensification will happen. - Over 700 responses to the TUS survey has been received. Council have also had 409 general comments. - Through survey responses, it was noted the public are supportive of addressing car dependency and the development of smaller and more compact homes. - Public are supportive of higher densities and housing typologies but are just not keen on 4/5 story apartment buildings. - Not so supportive around new growth being located in existing urban areas or locating housing close to existing town centres and local centres.

		It was suggested public may need to see a summary of the positives of around intensification. Are people aware of the positives of locating housing close to existing town centres?
	ACTION	- Jo will email Ana Hancock advising E&S Forum want to be a key stakeholder in development of TUS/FDS. - Megan to circulate Veros presentation from Housing workshop post note: actioned 4 April
General Business	DISCUSSION	Nothing to note.
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Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		We feel the impact and influence of the forums could be stronger if they were more integrated and less siloed, also with more direct representation at the level of decision making.

Meeting closed 11.36am. Next meeting Tuesday 5 June 2018, 1.30-3.30pm, School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue.

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

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