



Environment and Sustainability Forum
Tuesday 4 June 2019, 1.30-3.30pm
School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue

Forum Members Present	Mary Dillon (Envirohub/Acting Chair), Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Dean Tully (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology)	
SmartGrowth	Megan Rumble (SmartGrowth Coordinator)	
Other	Robert Brodnax (UFTI)	
Partner Staff	Amy Brasch (TCC), Tracey Miller (TCC)	
Apologies (forum members)	Eddie Orsulich (Aongete Forest Restoration Trust), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society), Vicktoria Blake (Te Ohomai Institute of Technology), Michelle Elborn (Bay Conservation Alliance)	
Previous minutes and matters arising		<p>The minutes of the 5 March 2019 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record</p> <p>Previous actions: All previous actions have been addressed</p> <p>Paul Hickson requested that the issue he raised at the meeting on 5 March around councils needing deal quickly with the issues around growth in the kiwifruit industry be recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>The amended finalised minutes can be viewed here.</p>
Minutes from the joint Social Sector and E&S forum meeting 4 April		Amendment made - E&S Forum members to be noted under attendees rather than other given it was a joint forum meeting. The amended minutes can be viewed here .
	Action	Megan to follow up on amendment to 4 April joint forum minutes post note: actioned - link attached.
Urban Form and Transport Initiative update (UDTI)	Update	Robert Brodnax - Project Director for UFTI was present and provided an overview of UFTI. View Roberts's slides here . Roberts's role is Principal at Beca Hamilton. Prior to his current role he was the Regional Manager - Waikato and BOP at NZTA and was the NZTA representative on SmartGrowth at the time. Earlier half of career was spent at Waikato Regional Council. Robert has been appointed as the UFTI Project Director because he leads collaborative cross agency projects. Janeane Joyce has been appointed UFTI Project Manager, and Ben Peacey, Technical Specialist. UFTI is not separate to SmartGrowth, it sits

		<p>under the SG structure. Robert noted he sees UFTI as replacing the Smart Transport Forum which existed for some time.</p> <p>Tauranga and the western Bay are facing critical challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing shortage is driving high prices and limited supply - Strategic growth and transport issues - Paradigm shift from single occupancy vehicles to more efficient, sustainable solutions <p>If we are going to double the population, where would we put this growth? A number of spatial planning workshops are planned and the team are wanting people to attend and participate in designing scenarios and solutions. Asking people to think ahead to Tauranga 2050 visioning, future scenarios. What could/should the network look like?</p> <p>The foundation report is being developed at present, a case for change and not for submission - Due July.</p> <p>Robert asked for feedback on how best to engage with SG forums? Will a number of forum members attend the UFTI workshops?</p> <p><u>How can forum be involved?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate. Attend the visioning workshops. - If you hear things that need responding to let Rob know. - Constant communication - keep dialogue open. - Combined fora Hui is the preferred method of communication to forums. <p>Questions and discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPS – Government Policy Statement. • UFTI must also talk about well-beings, place making, community and environment. • When they took the tolls off harbour bridge increase of traffic of 15% in one month. It's about behaviours. Need to find what triggers the perception and change the perception. • Robert noted when the team came on board that quickly realised the proposed UFTI was missing the 'people'. There is a need to look at the desire of the community, how the community want to live, how to design a transport network that enables people to move around as they wish – will be using other data to feed into this part of UFTI as the team have not been engaged to do full community development project. Ultimately people do try and lives as close to work as they can.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFTI has to deal with rail as well and look at this as part of the solution. Kawerau freight rail? • The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD), DHB, MSD, MOE all around the table working together. Hopefully signs there in terms of timing. Good engagement, positive signs. • Intensification - Hamilton example where they lifted their height and size requirements between the CBD and Frankton in the district plan and are already seeing excellent examples of 1&2-bedroom housing. Design code rules are needed also. • Co-designed projects – how to keep those projects sustained? 1. Need to utilise statutory guidelines to ensure process is locked in. Consequences 2. Keep the community engaged and feeling like they’re part of the process. Keep the dialogue open. Statutory ability in NZ? • Misinformation – negativity in the media. • Iwi involvement. Also, separate conversations across the trusts. <p>Mary Dillon thanked Robert for attending and for the valuable update. Forum members look forward to further engagement with the UFTI project team.</p> <p>Next steps Two joint forum meetings will be held:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One on Monday 26 August 1:00pm to update on UFTI including Foundation Report, Stakeholder Workshop outputs and next steps / future engagement opportunities. 2. Mid October (date TBC) to engage and seek feedback on the community place and people attributes; UFTI Programme Development and forward plan / next steps.
	Action	Joint forum meeting to be held on Monday 26 August. Date TBC mid-October for a second joint meeting.
General Business	Discussion	<p>Mary noted the need for the E&S forum to create a work plan that aligns with SmartGrowth and UFTI work. Discussion to be had around this. Mary to circulate and email to forum members discussing a plan and approach to this.</p> <p>Amy Brasch introduced Tracey Miller. Tracey’s role at TCC is Sustainability Lead, focusing on corporate sustainability, achievable changes that can be maintained ongoing.</p> <p>Amy update the forum. The proposed rates-funded kerbside recycling, food scraps and rubbish collection was unanimously approved to move to the next stage by council at the Projects, Services and Operations</p>

		<p>Committee meeting on May 14th. The council will now work with service providers to determine what the service could look like while considering how to best serve the community.</p> <p>The Resource Wise Community Fund closed on Thursday 2nd May, and we received 9 applications for projects based in Tauranga that focus on waste diversion. The assessment panel is scheduled to meet on Friday 28th June with the successful applicants being announced in early July.</p> <p>Julian noted he is currently working on a plan for Bittern protection. Include Tauranga harbour in the overall plan? Dean also noted the Bittern survey near Miranda. Head of fish and game NZ also did his thesis on Bittern – Julian to get in touch.</p> <p>Pest and Kaituna cut discussion. Freshwater Futures update from Julian. Discussion followed.</p>
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary and Megan to circulate email to E&S Forum regarding work plan. - Amy and Tracey to keep the forum informed. Amy to provide an update at the next meeting around the TCC kerbside collection.
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		The E&S Forum will support the Urban Form and Transport Initiative as much as possible.

Meeting closed 3:32pm. Next meeting TBC

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

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