

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Future Development Strategy Joint Steering Group Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 20 May 2024, commencing at 9.09am.

**Members Present:** The Mayor (Grant Smith) (in the Chair), Chair Rachel Keedwell, Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

### **Karakia Timatanga**

Councillor Te Kenehi Teira opened the meeting with karakia.

#### **4-24 Late Submissions - Draft Palmerston North Future Development Strategy 2024**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Te Kenehi Teira.

#### **The STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

1. That the Joint Steering Group note the late submissions.

Clause 4-24 above was carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

#### **5-24 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

#### **The STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Future Development Strategy Joint Steering Group meeting of 13 May 2024 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 5-24 above was carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

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**Deliberations Report - Draft Palmerston North Future Development Strategy 2024**

Memorandum, presented by Keegan Aplin-Thane, Senior Planner Palmerston North City Council and Leana Shirley, Senior Planner Horizons Regional Council.

Officers noted that the 7 late submissions did not feature in the Summary of Submissions report (13 May 2024) however have featured in the Deliberations report.

Also, 21 Palmerston North Long-Term plan submissions were identified as having relevance to the Future Development Strategy. However, these have not been included in the Deliberations report. Only with submission 1218 which offered a unique theme in flagging a future growth zone. Officers are comfortable that this is acknowledged in the strategy under the opportunities for housing and business growth.

All changes made at this meeting to the draft, will be incorporated in the Future Development Strategy and circulated back to the Joint Steering Group.

**6-24 Recommended change to the definition of well-functioning urban environments**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

1. That the Joint Steering Group agree the following updates to the draft Palmerston North Future Development Strategy 2024:

- (a) as recommended in Table 1 with addition of 'Pasifika' following Māori.

Clause 6-24 above was carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

The meeting adjourned at 10.43am  
The meeting resumed at 11.04am

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**7-24 Recommended Change to the Strategy Appendix 1: Growth Constraints**

The additional motion (clause 7.2-24) was sought to be consistent with the One Plan.

The additional motion (clause 7.3-24) was sought to address the concerns from Bunnythorpe residents.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

1. That the Joint Steering Group agree the following updates to the draft Palmerston North Future Development Strategy 2024:

- (b) to (n) as recommended in Table 2 as amended below.

Moved Rachel Keedwell, seconded Te Kenehi Teira.

- (l) – changing to add 'by primarily' seeking to avoid development.

2. Page 78 of the Future Development Strategy – add 'the importance of avoiding any increased flood risk' in the bolded section.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Lorna Johnson.

3. That the Future Development Strategy state that: In the planning with the Bunnythorpe Community and business case of the Regional Freight Ring Road, concerns around village severance will be taken into account.

Clause 7.1-24 to 7.3-24 above were taken together and carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

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**8-24 Recommended Change to “Growing In”**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

1. That the Joint Steering Group agree the following updates to the draft Palmerston North Future Development Strategy 2024:

- (o) as recommended in Table 3.

Clause 8-24 above was carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

**9-24 Recommended Change to “Growing Out”**

The additional motion was sought to acknowledge an option to address the current greenfield supply shortage.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

1. That the Joint Steering Group agree the following updates to the draft Palmerston North Future Development Strategy 2024:

- (p) as recommended in Table 4.

2. Given the acknowledged shortage of greenfield supply in the short-term, that 160 Napier Road is well placed to address to short-term greenfields needs provided it meets the RMA First Schedule tests (including NPS HPL).

Clause 9.1-24 and 9.2-24 were taken together and carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

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**10-24 Recommended Infrastructure-Related Changes**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Fiona Gordon.

The **STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

1. That the Joint Steering Group agree the following updates to the draft Palmerston North Future Development Strategy 2024:

- (q) to (ee) as recommended in Table 5.

Clause 10-24 above was carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

**11-24 Recommended Changes in Relation to "Other Comments" on the Strategy**

The additional motion (clause 11.1-24) was sought to ensure the transcription error in Table 12 was corrected.

The additional motion (clause 11.3-24) was sought to ensure the most updated figures are used when the Future Development Strategy is finalised, so consistent judgement can be applied. For example, top of page 208 Attachment 8 of the agenda.

Moved Rachel Keedwell, seconded Te Kenehi Teira.

The **STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

1. In Table 12, change the Balanced growth score for 'We support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions' from 3 to 2, to match the corresponding entry in Table 11.

Clause 11.1-24 above was carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

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Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

2. That the Joint Steering Group agree the following updates to the draft Palmerston North Future Development Strategy 2024:

- (ff) to (ii) as recommended in Table 6 as amended.
- (hh) to change 'our district' to 'our city'.

3. That the Future Development Strategy is updated to include the latest figures related to short-term residential supply.

Clause 11.2-24 and 11.3-23 above were taken together and carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

Moved Rachel Keedwell, seconded Te Kenehi Teira.

**Note:**

On a motion that:

- In Table 12, change the Growing out score for 'We support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions' from 1 to -1, and make the corresponding change to Table 9, along with change in the narrative in Table 9 to better reflect that extension of the city will impact negatively on greenhouse gas emissions.
- In Table 12, change the Growing up score for 'we plan and design for resilience to the impacts of climate change' from 3 to 2, and make the corresponding change to Table 8, along with change in the narrative in Table 8 to better reflect the limits of climate resilience in a built up area.
- In Table 12, change the Growing out score for 'The impact of urban growth on highly productive land is minimised' from 0 to -1, and make the corresponding change to Table 9, along with change in the narrative in Table 9 to better reflect that extension of the city will have a negative effect on highly productive land.
- In Table 12, change the Balanced growth score for 'The impact of urban growth on highly productive land is minimised' from 2 to 1, and make the corresponding change to Table 11.
- In Table 12, change the Growing up score for 'A city with minimal environmental impact' from -1 to 1, and make the corresponding change to Table 8, along with change in the narrative in Table 8 to better reflect that if stormwater concerns are addressed the environmental impacts will not be negative.
- In Table 12, change the Growing out score for 'A city with minimal

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environmental impact' from 2 to 0, and make the corresponding change to Table 9, along with change in the narrative in Table 9 to better reflect that urban sprawl does not have a positive environmental effect.

- In Table 12, change the Balanced growth score for 'A city with minimal environmental impact' from 2 to 1, and make the corresponding change to Table 11.
- In Table 12, change the Growing up score for 'A city that embodies Te Trite partnership' from -1 to 2, and make the corresponding change to Table 8, along with change in the narrative in Table 8 to better reflect that if stormwater concerns are addressed the Te Tiriti partnership impacts will not be negative.
- In Table 12, change the Growing up score for 'A city that prioritises the Maori and health of waterbodies and connections to them' from -1 to 1, and make the corresponding change to Table 8, along with change in the narrative in Table 8 to better reflect that if stormwater concerns are addressed the environmental impacts will not be negative.

The motion was lost 2 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Rachel Keedwell and Te Kenehi Teira.

**Against:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson and Fiona Gordon.

The meeting adjourned at 1.08pm  
The meeting resumed at 2.16pm

### 12-24 **Recommended Changes to Te Utanganui Masterplan**

The additional motion (clause 12.3-24) was sought to bring clarity to the details on page 8 of the Future Development Strategy.

The additional motion (clause 12.4-24) was sought to address the concerns expressed by Rangitāne around stormwater, with a defined timeframe.

The additional motion (clause 12.5-24) was sought to ensure that the source and date are clearly identifiable by all readers of the Strategy.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

#### The **STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

1. That the Joint Steering Group agree the following updates to the draft Palmerston North Future Development Strategy 2024:

- (nn) as recommended in Table 7.

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Clause 12.1-24 above was carried 4 votes to 1, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson and Fiona Gordon.

**Against:**

Councillor Rachel Keedwell.

**Abstained:**

Councillor Te Kenehi Teira.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

2. That the Joint Steering Group agree the following updates to the draft Palmerston North Future Development Strategy 2024:

- (jj) to (mm), (oo) to (tt) as recommended in Table 7.

Clause 12.2-24 above was carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

Moved Fiona Gordon, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

3. That Officers develop additional wording to be included in page 8 that indicates the areas identified in the Future Development Strategy, are indicative and will be refined as part of subsequent planning processes.

Clause 12.3-24 above was carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.



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Moved Rachel Keedwell, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **STEERING GROUP RECOMMENDS TO THE PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL**

4. That Palmerston North City Council develop a new city-wide stormwater strategy prior to the development of the 2027 Future Development Strategy.

Clause 12.4-24 above was carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

Moved Fiona Gordon, seconded Grant Smith.

The **STEERING GROUP RESOLVED**

5. That Officers reference the source of data and date of each map.

Clause 12.5-24 above was carried 6 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Rachel Keedwell, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

**13-24**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **STEERING GROUP RECOMMENDS TO THE PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL AND HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

1. That the Joint Steering Group recommend the final draft of the Palmerston North Future Development Strategy 2024 (incorporating changes agreed above) for adoption by Palmerston North City Council and Horizons Regional Council.

Clause 13-24 above was carried 5 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Fiona Gordon and Te Kenehi Teira.

**Abstained:**

Councillor Rachel Keedwell.

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**Karakia Whakamutunga**

Councillor Te Kenehi Teira closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 2.58pm

**Chair**

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