

Report of a meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 12 June 2018, at 4.45pm

**Present** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr Highsted (Chairman), Crs Beale, Bolger, Davis, Dickson, Gardyne, D Grant, P Grant, Phillips, and Reid.

**In Attendance** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), General Manager Regulatory and Planning (Dr Ian Davidson-Watts), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standing), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Project Manager Infrastructure (Mr Hashem Ramezan-zadeh) Communications/Marketing Manager (Sonia Gerken), Principal Planner/Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson) Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Suzanne Lucas), Animal Control Administrator (Mrs Rowena Burnby) Corporate Support Officer (Ms Gillian Small) and Junior Planner (Ms Fran Davies).

**Apology** Cr Sharp apologised for absence.

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## 1. ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Council perused a report from the Animal Control Officer.

Cr Highsted asked how the dog action plan was progressing.

The General Manager Regulatory and Planning replied that it was gaining momentum and 20 of the 27 actions on the plan had been actioned.

The Manager said that 83% of wandering dogs were not de-sexed and that there was a need to look at incentives within the fees structure to encourage dog owners to de-sex their dogs.

Cr Reid asked the cost of de-sexing a dog.

The Manager replied that the cost depended on the size of the dog, but was approximately \$200 per animal.

Cr Beale asked how the incentive within the fee structure would work.

The Manager informed the Council that incentives were in place but currently only \$10 was offered as a discount on registration fees for dogs that have been de-sexed. This fee structure needed to be addressed and the incentive increased, but he was mindful of owners who had already taken the step to de-sex their dogs and the impact on them. He said that public safety starts with managing wandering dogs and that this is a priority of the Action Plan.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Reid, THAT the report be received.**

Ceri Macleod and Bernadette Hunt attended the meeting at 4.52pm

## 2. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Committee perused a report from the Principal Planner/Consultant

The Consultant informed the Council there were eight resource consents issued not six as noted in the report.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the report be received.**

## 3. REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

The committee perused a report from the Senior Regulatory Officer.

The General Manager Regulatory and Planning said the Council was looking at an action plan around the dumping of rubbish as there has been an increased number of incidents reported.

Cr D Grant asked for clarification of the no noise complaint within the noise control report.

The Manager explained that this referred to incidents where the contractor called to address the complaint did not find noise to be an issue or the complaint legitimate.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the report be received.**

#### 4. PLANNING POLICY REPORT

The Committee perused a report from the Principal Planner/Consultant and General Manager Regulatory and Planning highlighting a number of projects either currently underway or proposed, and related to the regulatory functions of the Council.

The Consultant asked the Committee to note that under the District Plan section the several work streams listed were not yet underway as indicated, but would commence in the very near future.

In relation to the impact of logging trucks on gravel roads, the Consultant said the Minister responsible for the National Environmental Standard, which deal with plantation forestry, had said the standard is not achieving what it intended to. This may provide an opportunity to control the movement of vehicles.

Cr Beale asked if the impact of dairy tankers on gravel roads had been looked at as well as logging trucks.

The Consultant explained the intensity of use over very short periods of time caused more damage than heavy vehicles over regular intervals. He also said if the Council moved to a bylaw restriction it would pick up vehicles of a particular class regardless of what they were carrying, so it was possible that dairy vehicles would be included with logging trucks for reporting purposes.

Cr P Grant said not many milk tankers are on gravel roads in winter.

Cr Gardyne suggested the Council could be proactive and contact the logging companies outside of the Gore boundary to see when harvesting was likely to occur.

The Consultant agreed.

The General Manager Regulatory and Planning said Environment Southland was interested in the Gore District Council's approach to spatial planning. Environment Southland was considering a regional plan that would provide spatial planning elements for SoRDS.

The Manager informed the Committee that updated maps had been received from the Consultants since the last Ready for Tomorrow workshop. This information can be used when considering zone changes in the future. He explained it was important the Ready for Growth and Ready for Living projects feed into the spatial plan over the next few months.

With regard to the Regional Climate Change study, the Manager confirmed models of the potential impact of climate change were based on data collected by NIWA to provide predictions for future climate change.

Cr Highsted asked if a model for a spatial plan by Environment Southland would differ to that prepared for the Council.

The Manager said they would differ, Environment Southland would most likely focus more on regional infrastructure such as transport and airports.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr P Grant, THAT the report be received.**

**5. REPORT FROM THE BUILDING CONTROL MANAGER**

A report had been received from the Building Control Manager.

Cr P Grant asked how the identification of earthquake prone buildings under the new legislation was progressing.

The Manager explained the process had not been rolled out yet and it was a five year procedure.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr P Grant, THAT the report be received.**

The meeting concluded at 5.17pm