

REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2012, AT 5.38PM.

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Cr Highsted (Chairperson), Crs Beale, Bolger, Davis, Dixon, Gover, D Grant and P Grant, Heller, Redhead and Sharp.

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler) Planning Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Community Development Officer (Mrs Jacqui Green), Communications Co-ordinator (Mrs Sonia Gerken), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and one member of the public.

APOLOGY Cr Watt apologised for absence.

1 REVIEW OF REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT (11.19.1)

A memo had been received from the Planning Consultant together with the Council's response to the draft.

In response to Cr Bolger asking if the Council was in a position to make a submission, the Consultant said after the Growth Committee had attended a scheduled meeting later that week and talked through issues, it would then decide what the next step would be. There would be time for more conversation during the formal process. The Council could file an appeal at a later stage.

Cr Beale commended the Chief Executive and Planning Consultant on the content of the letter forwarded to Environment Southland.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr P Grant, THAT the Council note the response made to the draft of the Regional Policy Statement,

AND THAT Councillors on the Growth Committee note the meeting being held on 15 March 2012.

2. REGULATORY BULLETIN (11.5.2/2.14.3)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive along with a schedule of building consents issued for February 2012, and comparisons of the previous two years. A schedule of landuse consents issued as at 1 March and road closures and stopping was also received.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Chief Executive endorsed his comments that the Gore district was the only area that was consistently holding its own within the building consents area. Other Councils had seen a noticeable drop in consent applications.

In response to Cr Beale, the Chief Executive said there had been a lot of consents issued for alterations and some new commercial work that did not reflect in the new dwelling figures.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Dixon, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the information be received.

The meeting closed at 5.46pm.