

SmartGrowth Strategic Partners Forum Meeting
Tuesday, 8 August, 2017 8:00am – 10:30am
Classic Flyers, The Armoury Room

Forum Members Present	Bill Wasley (Chair), Anne Pankhurst (chair of PATAG), Jo Gravit (Deputy chair Housing Affordability Forum), Katy McGinty (NZ Kiwifruit Growers), John Garwood (Fruitgrowers Association), Eddie Orsulich (Forest and Bird), Fern Nielsen (National Council for Women), Paul Hickson (Te Puke Fast Forward), Mark Boyle (Te Puke EDG), Jo Wills (chair of Environment and Sustainability Forum), Buddy Mikaere (Combined Tangata Whenua Forum), Carol Gordon (chair of Social Sector forum), Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Michelle Whitmore (Creative Bay of Plenty)	
SmartGrowth	Bernie Walsh (SG Manager), Megan Rumble (SG Coordinator)	
Other		
Partner Staff	Apologies: Emily Rogers (WBoPDC),	
Apologies from forum members	Jeff Fletcher (chair or Property Developers Forum), Christine Ralph (chair of Housing Affordability Forum), Jacqui Knight (Katch Katikati), Annie Hill (Priority One), Lena Kovac (Creative Bay of Plenty) For early departure: Jo Wills	
Previous minutes and matters arising	Discussion	<p>No matters arising from the previous 13 June 2017 minutes. Minutes confirmed by the forum.</p> <p>All actions from the previous June 13 meeting were completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fern Nielsen, National Council for Women representative will step down as representative on SPF. Fern has been a member of SPF for a long period and Bill acknowledged her involvement over a number of years and thanked her for her dedication. Dr Patricia Hanlen will be the new National Council of Women representative on SPF.

<p>Housing Diagram</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>This housing diagram was circulated at the recent Smart Talk with Shamubeel Eaqub. The diagram is a way of communicating all of the work taking place within the housing space across the western bay. This came out of the Housing reference group which took place with housing/forum input.</p> <p>It has been agreed that SmartGrowth will fund a Housing Needs Assessment with Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council and BayTrust also contributing extra funding. A request for proposals was put to the market and there were six applicants. These six were shortlisted to two and the successful proposer has now been selected and will begin work straight away. The chosen consultants have experience with this kind of work around the country. Post meeting note: The successful consultancy was Community Housing Solutions (the consultancy arm of Community Housing Aotearoa) supported by Ian Mitchell of Livingston and Associates.</p> <p>Part of this report will be to come up with a suite of actions and then look to integrate these into what SmartGrowth and the partner councils are doing on an ongoing basis. This is an excellent way of widening our programme of work. This work will be running parallel to the work of the National Policy Statement – Urban Development Capacity. This work will give us the opportunity to monitor additional areas e.g. cost and price points of housing.</p> <p>Discussion followed around seasonal workers, the quality of homes being built and the long-term cost of housing not just the cost of the build. Discussion around the huge range of issues and pressure in the housing space was discussed including issues for landlords. It was noted that this piece of work is a good place to start to understand what we can do. Housing is a many faceted issue and entire community involvement is needed.</p> <p>It was noted that the housing needs assessment will include two streams of work 1. what do we do now and 2. how do we set up actions to take forward.</p> <p>It was proposed, as part of this work, there be a briefing paper outlining the region’s housing issues. The chair noted there will be a staged approach and it could well include a briefing paper. However the timing has not been confirmed as yet.</p> <p>This work will give a good basis for discussion with local councils and central government.</p>
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	Action	Bernie Walsh and Anne Pankhurst to report back regularly to the forum on the Housing Needs Assessment.
SmartGrowth Partnership Report	Update	<p>Bernie noted that the Bi-monthly SmartGrowth Partnership Report is the first port of call in terms of understanding what is happening and urged everyone to read the report given the amount of information included.</p> <p>Bernie noted the next Smart Talk taking place this Thursday, 10 August, with Dr Lance O’Sullivan and an excellent health panel. Bernie also noted how proactive the Bay of Plenty District Health Board has been through Sarah Davey to get involved in planning for new communities and integrate health service planning into the wider urban and sub-regional planning across the four well-beings.</p> <p>The forum review and research work that was carried out will be reported to SLG on 16 August. The report will then be available to everyone the following day.</p> <p>The Leadership Group had a workshop on future key industries which was coordinated by Priority One. This was a closed workshop to the general public to allow free and frank exchange, although forum chairs were invited. It was noted how inspiring it was hearing the industries speak.</p>

		<p>Glen Crowther is leading the Smart Transport Forum. Glen will be hosting an event after the election in partnership with Priority One and Chamber of Commerce. There will be a half day programme bringing in speakers with a focus on innovative thinking. The invite for this will be sent out soon to businesses and community.</p> <p>A strategic transport discussion will be taking place in October with the SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG). This was a request from the June SLG meeting. There will be a focus on the future of transport beyond roads.</p> <p>A ‘future of water’ workshop for the SmartGrowth Leadership Group is also being organised – and members of the Strategic Partners Forum will be invited to attend. The date is yet to be set but it is likely to be late September. LGNZ had a very useful workshop on this topic which the chair of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council chaired. Bernie said it had an interesting set of presentations. She would circulate the link. See below.</p> <p>Comment was made around having two or three priorities to put forward coming out of each of these presentations/workshops including the Smart Talks that take place.</p> <p>Carole Gordon will be presenting on the Silver Economy research at the 16 August SLG meeting.</p>
	Action	<p>Bernie to email bi-monthly report link and LGNZ water workshop link to SPF members.</p> <p>Bernie to ensure SPF emailed link to Forums Engagement Research Report link when it is released.</p> <p>Post meeting note: this action was completed following the meeting (August 9).</p>
The Future of Water in the western Bay of Plenty – Workshop	Update Discussion	<p>This workshop is the result of the request from the Strategic Partners Forum last year. The workshop will be looking at a range of water issues, quality, quantity, etc. This will take place after 23 September, post the election and the Water NZ conference. The regional council is assisting with facilitating this workshop and also involving other stakeholders and western Bay of Plenty councils. Megan to ensure the Strategic Partners Forum receives the invite to The Future of Water workshop when the date is confirmed. Vicki Jones is organising this workshop with Bill Wasley and Bay of Plenty Regional Council’s General Manager of Strategy and Science, Fiona McTavish.</p>
	Action	<p>Megan to ensure the Strategic Partners Forum receives the invite to The Future of Water workshop when the date is confirmed. Post meeting note: invitations sent August 29.</p>

Any other matters		Buddy Mikaere, Anne Pankhurst and Michelle Whitmore are working on a history hub in hope we will get a museum in Tauranga.
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		No action necessary.

Meeting ended at 10.02am Next Meeting 10 October 2017 – Classic Flyers, Armoury Room

**ACTION POINTS – from August 8 meeting
Strategic Partners Forum**

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