

SmartGrowth Strategic Partners Forum Meeting
Tuesday, 17 October 2017 8:30am – 10:30am
Classic Flyers, The Armoury Room

Forum Members Present	Bill Wasley (Chair), Anne Pankhurst (PATAG Chair), Annie Hill (Priority One), Katy McGinty (NZ Kiwifruit Growers), John Garwood (Fruitgrowers Association), Paul Hickson (Te Puke Fast Forward Rep), Jo Wills (Chair of Environment and Sustainability Forum), Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Buddy Mikaere (CTWF), Carole Gordon (chair of Social Sector Forum), Phil Shoemack (Toi Te Ora)	
SmartGrowth	Bernie Walsh (SG Manager), Megan Rumble (SG Coordinator), Bruce Fraser (Communications)	
Other	Ian Herbert (Tauranga Transport Programme - project manager)	
Partner Staff	Apologies: Philip King (TCC)	
Apologies from forum members	Mark Boyle (Te Puke EDG Rep), Stan Gregec (Chamber of Commerce), Christine Ralph (chair of Housing Affordability Forum), Dr Patricia Hanlen (National Council of Women Tauranga)	
Previous minutes and matters arising	Discussion	No matters arising from the previous 22 September 2017 minutes. Minutes confirmed by the forum.
Tauranga Transport Plan/Programme	Update	<p>Ian Herbert, Tauranga Transport Programme - project manager presented to the forum on the progress of the Tauranga Transport Programme.</p> <p>The programme kicked off a year ago and deals with the city centre. The purpose of this programme business case is to identify the best way to manage the Tauranga transport network to cater for the predicted growth of the city over the next 30 years.</p> <p>Ian covered the two alternative programmes: programme 8 and programme 9 and the key components of each. Programme 8 is aspirational. The project team are looking for feedback and support on the alternative programmes.</p>

		<p>Link to presentation: https://www.dropbox.com/s/ni6qfb6o17vil66/Tauranga%20Transport%20Programme%20Presentation%2017%20Oct%20V2.pptx?dl=0</p> <p>Questions and discussion followed with the following being discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mode share assumptions and the part demographics play when deciding on modelling. - Multi modal approach when planning for future transport projects. - Integrated approach and collaboration across the partners. - Cycleway investment and the actual benefits. Ian noted Amsterdam and London as excellent examples. - The need for a transport vision to support Tauranga to become an internationally competitive city. - Changes in views around future aspirations. The conversation around pricing needs to be a combination between national and local. - Aspirations to alternative modes e.g. autonomous buses. Additional laning for priority vehicles. - Return on investment around buses vs. rail. Why not have both in action given the rail line is being used only by freight at this stage. Particularly during times of disruption around road improvements e.g. B2B. - Concerns around where we are and where we want to be. - Emissions and resilience – the problem statements will be amended to include these. - Viewing growth as an opportunity to improve everything including transport.
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<p>Forums Health Check Research report – joined up response from SPF and other forums</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Bill noted a recommendation is not going to be provided to the committee at the November 15 SLG (SmartGrowth Leadership Group) meeting however, forums and individuals can include their papers in the agenda (if received by agenda closing time) and speak to their papers at the meeting to assist SLG with their decision.</p> <p>Forum chairs round table discussion overview:</p> <p>Housing Affordability: Annie Hill (On behalf of Christine Ralph) – HAF are in agreement with many of the recommendations with in the report. There are concerns around the loss of wealth of knowledge across the current forums. If the HAF does not remain there needs to be a housing strategy developed. This is just as important as the</p>

	<p>transport strategy. It was also suggested that the title of the group 'Land Use and Environment' be 'Economy and Environment' instead.</p> <p>Environment and Sustainability: Jo Wills - The E&S forum agree with concerns around the loss of community engagement and experience among the forums. There is a level of concern around what it would look like if the forums became more select based on experience - loose that grass roots views. Jo circulated the E&S paper which outlines concerns and their conclusion. The timing of engagement needs to be reviewed.</p> <p>Social Sector: Carole Gordon – SSF endorse many of the E&S forums statements. There is a great need to enhance collaborative working relationships among the forums. A new enhanced model could encourage more real time dialogue, which is needed.</p> <p>Population Ageing: Anne Pankhurst – PATAG feel that they need to extend into the Eastern Bay and move into Regional focus. Agreement that SPF should remain. Agreement that some TAGS don't need to be present all the time only brought in when needed. SLG should have direct access if needed to the technical advisory groups for support. Concern around the economy and the direction of SmartGrowth – Where's the money and how does it link into the regional economy. Agreement around the need for more frequent meetings for the Chairs, forums and representatives.</p> <p>Combined Tangata Whenua: Buddy Mikaere – Buddy noted CTWF see their role as more of a partnership relationship. It does get frustrated when the views are different for example Tangata Whenua have a different view to HAF on what affordability is. Even within SSF there is a slightly different view on everything. Tangata Whenua have different perspectives and issues.</p> <p>Discussion followed around the potential new structure. It was noted that forums need representation at the Leadership Group table. Input from the community needs to be at the table.</p> <p>Discussion around where certain groups would fit in if SPF did not exist. It would be easy to forget what the key issues are without the individual representation. There was agreeance how important it is to keep SPF in place.</p> <p>Concerns were raised around whether changing the structure would help the disconnect between the council and the forums/TAGs? Concerns around timing of engagement.</p>
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	Action	Forum chairs plus Paul Hickson to form a working group to agree on a joined up view/proposal to put forward to SLG
General Business		Nothing to note.
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Meeting ended at 10.35am. Next Meeting 12 December 2017 – Classic Flyers, Armoury Room

**ACTION POINTS – from 17 October meeting
Strategic Partners Forum**

Item No.	Meeting	Action	Action
1.	August	Bernie Walsh and Anne Pankhurst to report back regularly to the forum on the Housing Needs Assessment.	Bernie/Anne
2.	September	Climate change - future discussion topic.	All
3.	October	Forum chairs plus Paul Hickson to form a working group to agree on a joined up view/proposal to put forward to SLG on the Forum Health Check report.	Working Group