



SmartGrowth Environment & Sustainability Forum

Agenda

Tuesday, 13 February 2017, 1.30 – 3.30pm

The School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue, Tauranga

1. Apologies	Chair
2. Minutes and Actions from the previous 21 November 2017 meeting (<i>Paper A</i>)	Chair
3. Housing Demand and Need in Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty Report http://smartgrowthbop.org.nz/media/1971/smartgrowth-housing-need-and-demand-report_final-dec-2017-002.pdf	Chair
4. Tauranga Urban Strategy https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/Portals/0/data/future/strategic_planning/strategic_focus/files/tgaurbanstrategy_draft.pdf	Michael Tucker
5. General Business	All
6. Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group	Chair



Terms of Reference

1. Membership Criteria

The Environment and Sustainability Sector Forum is intended to be a voice for the non-government and not for profit sector. Other organisations and government agencies are welcome to attend as participating observers.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Environment and Sustainability (E&S) Sector Forum ('the forum') is to draw on existing experience and to positively contribute to the on-going evolution and success of the SmartGrowth Strategy ('the Strategy')

The forum will provide a view that reflects the interests of E&S groups across the wider western Bay of Plenty.

The forum will enable E&S groups/organisations and the sector industry direct participation in the strategy implementation and monitoring in order to provide vital sector input, in collaboration with the strategy partners and lead agencies into the wide range of challenges faced in the sub-region, including specific input into:

- Sustaining and improving the environment.
- Building the Community
- Urban form and design
- Housing affordability
- The contribution of the E&S sector to economic growth and wellbeing of the people.

3. Role

The Forum will have on-going input into the Strategy development and implementation including the following specific aspects:

- Providing input and feedback in respect of partner projects relating to strategy actions where such input is sought by the SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group (SSG) particularly with regard to sustainable development/management considerations
- Monitoring of relevant strategy actions.
- The development of statutory and non-statutory policies by the SmartGrowth Partners that either arise from the strategy or have the potential to impact on the strategy.



- SmartGrowth representations to regional and national forums and central government.
- Using the grassroots knowledge of the forum to alert SmartGrowth to emerging environmental matters and sustainability developments that may impact on SmartGrowth policy and direction.

4. Membership

The forum membership is representative of the wider community within the western Bay of Plenty and currently has representation from the following organisations:

- Papamoa Progressive Association
- Master Painters BOP
- Sustainability Options
- Sustainable Business Network
- Envirohub
- Waiariki BOP Polytechnic
- Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
- Surf Break Protection Society
- Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
- Uretara Estuary Managers
- The Rock – Papamoa Community Garden
- Friends of Puketoki and Friends of the Blade
- Welcome Bay Community Centre
- Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust
- Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust
- Federated Farmers
- Fruit Growers Association
- New Zealand Planning Institute
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ
- Te Puke Environment Forum
- The Rock – Papamoa Community Garden
- The Sustainability Society



5. Other SmartGrowth Forums and the SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group (SSG) – Linkages and Reporting

In order to provide transparency, a member (an alternate can be appointed) of the other SmartGrowth Forums and the SSG (as selected by those groups) will be invited to attend and participate in the E&S Sector Forum meetings. The E&S Sector Forum may also appoint a member to attend and contribute to the wider Strategic Partner Forum. Meeting minutes and reports from each of the SmartGrowth Partner Forums will be made available to the other forums, to SSG and to SLG.

6. SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) – Linkages and Reporting

The forum members are able to present to the SLG at any of the formal meetings with agreement of SLG Chair and at any agreed workshops, held between SLG and the forum. Annually SLG hosts a workshop with the forum (or combined with other forums) to discuss a range of matters and issues. The minutes of the forum meetings are provided to SLG as part of the regular reporting process and any particular issues are drawn out and highlighted in the bi-monthly report presented to SLG by the Independent Chair, Implementation Manager and Strategic Advisor.

7. Information Provision and Feedback

Relevant draft reports, ideas, submissions, and proposed initiatives are provided to the Forum for discussion and input prior to matters going to SLG for decision-making. These may be part of a meeting agenda item, or if between meetings, circulated by email to the Forum Chair, for feedback. This feedback will be presented to SLG.

8. Meetings Attendance and Presentations

The Independent Chair, Implementation Manager, Strategic Adviser and Well-Beings Implementation Officer may attend meetings from time to time, provide written reports, advice and seek input on various matters. SLG members may also be invited to attend the Forum from time to time.

Frequency - The Forum will meet bi-monthly, prior to the SLG meeting to provide information and feedback on specific issues directly relating to Strategy implementation.

Servicing - The Forum will be serviced by SmartGrowth through the Implementation Manager, for matters including venues, agenda circulation, minute-taking and report materials.

Chair - A chair will be appointed by the Forum

Environment and Sustainability Forum (E&S Forum) – Membership

Current Members	Representation
Jo Wills (Chair)	Sustainability Options
Buddy Mikaere	Combined Tangata Whenua Forum
Eddie Orsulich	Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust
Ian McLean	Toi Omohai
Mary Dillon	Envirohub BOP
Barry Roberts	Federated Farmers of New Zealand
John Garwood	Fruit Growers Association
Julie Midson	Kaimai Settlers Association
Julian Fitter	Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
Riki Nelson	Master Painters BOP
Cole Burmester	Triathlon Tauranga
Hans Pendergrast	Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust
Paul Hickson	Surf Break Protection Society
Glen Crowther	Sustainable Business Network
Gray Southon	Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
David Hursthouse/Callum Barnett	The Rock – Papamoa Community Garden
James Hughes	The Sustainability Society
Lawrie Donald	Uretara Estuary Managers
Dean Tully	Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology



Mel Arnold	Toi Te Ora – Public Health Service BOPDHB
Michelle Elborn	Bay Conservation Alliance
Leo Murray	Permaculture NZ
SmartGrowth Partner Staff	
Glenn Ayo	Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Janie Stevenson	Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Stephanie Macdonald	Bay of Plenty Regional Council

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Forum Members Present	Jo Wills (Chair/Sustainability Options), Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust), Mel Arnold (Toi Te Ora Public Health), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society), John Garwood (Fruit Growers Association), Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Doug Barnes (Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group), Glen Crowther (Sustainable Business Network), Rob Siveter (Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group)	
SmartGrowth	Megan Rumble (Minutes)	
Other		
Partner Staff	Anne Blakeway (Tauranga City Council), Adam Fort (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)	
Apologies (forum members)	James Hughes (The Sustainability Society), Michelle Elborn (Bay Conservation Alliance), Gray Southon (Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group), Dean Tully (Toi-ohomai Institute of Technology), Celia Walker (Tauranga City Council) Julian Fitter (for lateness)	
Previous minutes and matters arising	The minutes of the 19 September 2017 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record with no matters arising. <u>Previous actions:</u>	
	March	Add TOR discussion to the next agenda – Postponed until later date at the request of the chair
	July	All forum members to review indicator list before the next meeting – Action ongoing, really important members review
	September	Jo to invite Celia Walker to forum meetings to update on TCC Environment Strategy – Celia apology today but Anne Blakeway standing in to provide update
	September	Jo to speak to Ian Herbert around inclusion of a third option prioritising PT and come back to the forum. Jo and Glen to arrange to meet with Ian – Complete
	September	James to send rail report links through to Jo for circulation – Keep for next meeting
	September	Megan to circulate the Smart Transport Forum invitation to the forum <u>Post note:</u> Actioned 20 September – Complete
	September	Jo to contact Campbell Larking and clarify around water table and ground water modelling for Te Tumu – Update and response today
	September	Jo to pull out the feedback Jo and Glen put together around the Lakes project and resend this – Jo shared this with the forum hardcopy and is available as a document upon request

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<p>Te Tumu and Tauriko West structure planning process and update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tauriko West Visioning Document (Paper B) - Te Tumu & Tauriko West presentation to SmartGrowth Leadership Group (Hardcopy will be available) 	<p>UPDATE</p>	<p>The Tauriko West Visioning Document which Campbell Larking presented at the City Transformation Committee meeting provides a comprehensive update on the current status of Tauriko West. Jo noted she is confident they are putting a lot of value and protection around the river. Jo gave an overview on the timeline. Cam has advised it is not likely engagement will take place with chairs/forums until next year. Boundary change is happening.</p> <p>The Te Tumu structure planning workshops have taken place. The initial workshop was with planners and forum chairs only. The following meeting was a wider group with 20-30 in the room. Maps were blown up and the group were asked to share everything they liked/didn't like. RPS and Cam were taking everything on board. Jeff Fletcher also presented on behalf of the Fords and Carrus at this workshop.</p> <p>Jo gave an overview of Te Tumu aspirations of combined Maori land owners, Carrus and the Fords. The Fords are in no rush and their views are very much aligned with those of the E&S Forum. Initial feedback was provided to Cam on behalf of the E&S Forum after a small working group got together. Cam has responded to this and Jo read his response to the forum.</p> <p>There is to be one more engagement workshop around the end of February on Te Tumu where outcomes will be provided. Jo noted dune protection and open space are looking positive. There are concerns around density, wetlands and transport.</p> <p>Discussion followed around the streetscape and urban design of Te Tumu. It was noted that Carrus are not looking to anything too different in the way of housing. It was noted streetscape will depend on how the area is zoned. Concerns were raised around tsunami backwash, sea level rise and climate change. There was further discussion around the sea level modelling and it was noted that Cam has said Te Tumu is going to be the most resilient community in the area.</p> <p>The Te Tumu structure planning survey was noted – this is open until mid December: https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/our-future/projects/te-tumu</p>								

		<p>Discussion was had around the Tauranga Urban Strategy which is in draft at present. An excellent piece of work. The question was raised if this strategy will be adopted in time to have an effect on what happens in Te Tumu.</p> <p>It was agreed that forum members would send their key concerns through to Jo Wills by Friday 24 November. Jo will collate the forum response and send to Cam. This will also make up the key message back to SLG.</p> <p>Jo noted the submission that a separate group she is part of have made to the LTP. The views of this submission are aligned with the E&S Forum and this has been well received.</p> <p>It was noted that there are also two Omokoroa structure planning open days to be held in November. The open days are Friday 24 November, from 3pm until 5pm, and Tuesday 28 November, from 7pm until 9pm – both at the Omokoroa Community Church in Hamurana Road.</p> <p>Discussion was had around empty/available land for development within the city boundary. It was agreed that Jo would ask Damon Mathfield for more information on this.</p> <p>The SmartGrowth project outcomes checklist is now available on the SmartGrowth website. http://smartgrowthbop.org.nz/media/1955/project-outcomes-checklist-october-2017.pdf</p>
	ACTION	<p>Key concern paragraphs to be send to Jo by Friday 24 November.</p> <p>Jo to ask Damon Mathfield about the work taking place around the empty/available land for development within the city boundary.</p>
<p>Transport update (Cycle Action Plan, Tauranga LTP Transport Programme, Tauranga Transport Programme, Public Transport Blueprint, B2B)</p>	UPDATE	<p>Glen Crowther provided an update to the forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TCC cycle action plan – very positive. An excellent engagement process took place. Cycle groups and affected stakeholder groups developed a plan which has gone to full public consultation. A presentation was put to the transport committee and part of the Long Term Plan (LTP) is proposed \$24m to cycle infrastructure. There has been agreement from the committee to support this to go through the LTP. If successful the funding will come in thirds from NZTA, Government and Council. Before agreement it has to go through the prioritisation process with the LTP. - Glen has a meeting at Bay of Plenty Regional Council on 22 November. Regional Council will disclose for the first time the problem and benefit statements which determine their funding.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Tauranga Transport plan full engagement will look to take place between January-March 2018. Ideally this will time well with LTP consultation but it is looking to take place separately. - The Regional Council public transport meeting will be held on 23 November. The extra transport plan will be going out for consultation in February. This is separate and looks 10 years into the future of public transport. Meanwhile they have locked in a contract for the Western Bay public transport plan. - John Garwood noted the park and ride plans to cover the B2B project. Discussion was had around the laning plans i.e. bus lanes to be on Links Ave rather than Maunganui Road therefore no bus lane in the new Bayfair round about. It was noted that Farm street is non notified.
	ACTION	
Forums response to 'Health Check' and process update	UPDATE	<p>The SmartGrowth Chief Executive Advisory Group has agreed to postpone the responses while the operating environment of SmartGrowth has a full review given the new government etc. Prior to that decision the E&S Forum held a subgroup meeting to develop a structure/response to the 'Health Check'. The Forum chairs then all came together after that to develop an overall agreed forum structure and response.</p> <p>Jo gave an overview of the structure that was agreed to put forward to the SLG with four forums – Social, Environment, Housing and Land & Transport Use.</p> <p>Jo will keep forum members up to date as new information on the process comes available although updates are going to all forum members via email anyway.</p>
	ACTION	
General Business	DISCUSSION	<p>Anne Blakeway was present to provide an update on the Tauranga City Council Environment Strategy. Anne has stepped into Michelle Elborns role temporarily.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft document 'Background information for the Tauranga Environment Strategy' presented at the Environment Committee meeting on 28 November, summarising what we have learned from the three pieces of research that have been undertaken as the first step in developing our strategy.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This has included a scientific assessment of the State of the Environment, a Community Carbon Footprint (emissions inventory), and understanding the views of our community through an online survey and interviews with key partners and stakeholders. - Following review by the Tangata Whenua Collective and the Environment Committee, the 'Background Information' document will be sent out to all key stakeholders and added to the TCC website. - In the meantime, the energy management team have completed a second round of training on the new EnergyPro software, which will help with 12 month energy reporting and ensuring that we meet our goal of reducing energy consumption across key business units by 10% by 2020 (and 30% by 2030.) <p>Discussion followed around the relation of Urban Design to the Environment Strategy/Committee and the roles of the various Committees at Tauranga City Council. The following link explains the Governance Structure and Terms of Reference of the various Committees: http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/Portals/0/data/council/committees/files/committee_manual.pdf</p>
	ACTION	
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		<p>The E&S Forum understand the SmartGrowth Leadership Group are going to go through a review themselves and we support this.</p> <p>Concerns remain for Te Tumu that it will be developer led and go ahead without inclusion of the strong place making initiatives as outlined in the Tauranga Urban Strategy, including walkability (prioritising AT and PT), mixed density, streetscape and high quality public amenity. Transport linkages between Te Tumu and Tauranga (as well as other destinations) are of paramount importance and interest to the E&S Forum, we believe provision for strong PT systems need to be included now in anticipation of population growth. There are also lingering concerns about the impact of a (potential) marina having significant adverse effect on the quality of the Kaituna Cut, a regionally significant surf break. Despite much communication about the SLR modelling, the E&S forum continued concerns that climate change exposes Te Tumu to serious threat.</p> <p>With regards to Tauriko West, it is encouraging to hear such importance placed on the ecological and cultural value of the Wairoa River. The forum shares similar concerns regarding the community being developer led, and PT transport links to other destinations not being addressed now.</p>

Meeting closed 3.42pm. The 2018 meeting schedule is being arranged at present and dates will be confirmed in due course.

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

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