



SmartGrowth Environment & Sustainability Forum

The Collective, Mawhero Room, 17th Avenue

Agenda

Tuesday 3 December 2019 1.30 – 3.30pm

1. Apologies	Chair
2. Minutes and Actions from the previous 4 June 2019 meeting (<i>Paper A</i>)	Chair
3. Tauranga City Council proposed kerbside collection update 'Talking Trash' email from Amy for discussion (<i>Paper B</i>)	Amy Brasch
4. Urban Form and Transport Initiative discussion, Robert Brodnax will attend	All
5. General Business	All
6. Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group	Chair



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
- Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology
- Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
- Surf Break Protection Society
- Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
- Uretara Estuary Managers
- Friends of Puketoki and Friends of the Blade
- Welcome Bay Community Centre
- 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
- Bay Conservation Alliance
- Toi Te Ora – Public Health Service BOPDHB
- Kaimai Settlers Association
- Permaculture NZ

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
Barry Roberts	Federated Farmers
Buddy Mikaere	Combined Tangata Whenua Forum
Dean Tully	Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology
Eddie Orsulich	Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust
Glen Crowther	Sustainable Business Network
Gray Southon	Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
James Hughes	The Sustainability Society
Jean-Paul Thull	Living Streets Aotearoa
John Garwood	Fruit Growers Association
Julian Fitter	Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
Julie Midson	Kaimai Settlers Association
Lawrie Donald	Uretara Estuary Managers
Leo Murray	Permaculture NZ
Mary Dillon	Envirohub BOP
Michelle Elborn	Bay Conservation Alliance
Paul Hickson	Surf Break Protection Society
Riki Nelson	Master Painters BOP
Vicktoria Blake	Bay of Plenty District Health Board
SmartGrowth Partner Staff	
Amy Brasch	Tauranga City Council
Glenn Ayo	Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Stephanie Macdonald	Bay of Plenty Regional Council



Environment and Sustainability Forum
Tuesday 4 June 2019, 1.30-3.30pm
School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue

Forum Members Present	Mary Dillon (Envirohub/Acting Chair), Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Dean Tully (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology)	
SmartGrowth	Megan Rumble (SmartGrowth Coordinator)	
Other	Robert Brodnax (UFTI)	
Partner Staff	Amy Brasch (TCC), Tracey Miller (TCC)	
Apologies (forum members)	Eddie Orsulich (Aongete Forest Restoration Trust), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society), Vicktoria Blake (Te Ohomai Institute of Technology), Michelle Elborn (Bay Conservation Alliance)	
Previous minutes and matters arising		<p>The minutes of the 5 March 2019 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record</p> <p>Previous actions: All previous actions have been addressed</p> <p>Paul Hickson requested that the issue he raised at the meeting on 5 March around councils needing deal quickly with the issues around growth in the kiwifruit industry be recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>The amended finalised minutes can be viewed here.</p>
Minutes from the joint Social Sector and E&S forum meeting 4 April		Amendment made - E&S Forum members to be noted under attendees rather than other given it was a joint forum meeting. The amended minutes can be viewed here .
	Action	Megan to follow up on amendment to 4 April joint forum minutes post note: actioned - link attached.
Urban Form and Transport Initiative update (UDTI)	Update	Robert Brodnax - Project Director for UFTI was present and provided an overview of UFTI. View Roberts's slides here . Roberts's role is Principal at Beca Hamilton. Prior to his current role he was the Regional Manager - Waikato and BOP at NZTA and was the NZTA representative on SmartGrowth at the time. Earlier half of career was spent at Waikato Regional Council. Robert has been appointed as the UFTI Project Director because he leads collaborative cross agency projects. Janeane Joyce has been appointed UFTI Project Manager, and Ben Peacey, Technical Specialist. UFTI is not separate to SmartGrowth, it sits

		<p>under the SG structure. Robert noted he sees UFTI as replacing the Smart Transport Forum which existed for some time.</p> <p>Tauranga and the western Bay are facing critical challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing shortage is driving high prices and limited supply - Strategic growth and transport issues - Paradigm shift from single occupancy vehicles to more efficient, sustainable solutions <p>If we are going to double the population, where would we put this growth? A number of spatial planning workshops are planned and the team are wanting people to attend and participate in designing scenarios and solutions. Asking people to think ahead to Tauranga 2050 visioning, future scenarios. What could/should the network look like?</p> <p>The foundation report is being developed at present, a case for change and not for submission - Due July.</p> <p>Robert asked for feedback on how best to engage with SG forums? Will a number of forum members attend the UFTI workshops?</p> <p><u>How can forum be involved?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate. Attend the visioning workshops. - If you hear things that need responding to let Rob know. - Constant communication - keep dialogue open. - Combined fora Hui is the preferred method of communication to forums. <p>Questions and discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPS – Government Policy Statement. • UFTI must also talk about well-beings, place making, community and environment. • When they took the tolls off harbour bridge increase of traffic of 15% in one month. It's about behaviours. Need to find what triggers the perception and change the perception. • Robert noted when the team came on board that quickly realised the proposed UFTI was missing the 'people'. There is a need to look at the desire of the community, how the community want to live, how to design a transport network that enables people to move around as they wish – will be using other data to feed into this part of UFTI as the team have not been engaged to do full community development project. Ultimately people do try and lives as close to work as they can.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFTI has to deal with rail as well and look at this as part of the solution. Kawerau freight rail? • The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD), DHB, MSD, MOE all around the table working together. Hopefully signs there in terms of timing. Good engagement, positive signs. • Intensification - Hamilton example where they lifted their height and size requirements between the CBD and Frankton in the district plan and are already seeing excellent examples of 1&2-bedroom housing. Design code rules are needed also. • Co-designed projects – how to keep those projects sustained? 1. Need to utilise statutory guidelines to ensure process is locked in. Consequences 2. Keep the community engaged and feeling like they’re part of the process. Keep the dialogue open. Statutory ability in NZ? • Misinformation – negativity in the media. • Iwi involvement. Also, separate conversations across the trusts. <p>Mary Dillon thanked Robert for attending and for the valuable update. Forum members look forward to further engagement with the UFTI project team.</p> <p>Next steps Two joint forum meetings will be held:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One on Monday 26 August 1:00pm to update on UFTI including Foundation Report, Stakeholder Workshop outputs and next steps / future engagement opportunities. 2. Mid October (date TBC) to engage and seek feedback on the community place and people attributes; UFTI Programme Development and forward plan / next steps.
	Action	Joint forum meeting to be held on Monday 26 August. Date TBC mid-October for a second joint meeting.
General Business	Discussion	<p>Mary noted the need for the E&S forum to create a work plan that aligns with SmartGrowth and UFTI work. Discussion to be had around this. Mary to circulate and email to forum members discussing a plan and approach to this.</p> <p>Amy Brasch introduced Tracey Miller. Tracey’s role at TCC is Sustainability Lead, focusing on corporate sustainability, achievable changes that can be maintained ongoing.</p> <p>Amy update the forum. The proposed rates-funded kerbside recycling, food scraps and rubbish collection was unanimously approved to move to the next stage by council at the Projects, Services and Operations</p>

		<p>Committee meeting on May 14th. The council will now work with service providers to determine what the service could look like while considering how to best serve the community.</p> <p>The Resource Wise Community Fund closed on Thursday 2nd May, and we received 9 applications for projects based in Tauranga that focus on waste diversion. The assessment panel is scheduled to meet on Friday 28th June with the successful applicants being announced in early July.</p> <p>Julian noted he is currently working on a plan for Bittern protection. Include Tauranga harbour in the overall plan? Dean also noted the Bittern survey near Miranda. Head of fish and game NZ also did his thesis on Bittern – Julian to get in touch.</p> <p>Pest and Kaituna cut discussion. Freshwater Futures update from Julian. Discussion followed.</p>
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary and Megan to circulate email to E&S Forum regarding work plan. - Amy and Tracey to keep the forum informed. Amy to provide an update at the next meeting around the TCC kerbside collection.
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		The E&S Forum will support the Urban Form and Transport Initiative as much as possible.

Meeting closed 3:32pm. Next meeting TBC

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

June	Megan to follow up on amendment to 4 April joint forum minutes post note: actioned - link attached.
June	Joint forum meeting to be held on Monday 26 August. Date TBC mid-October for a second joint meeting.
June	Mary and Megan to circulate email to E&S Forum regarding work plan.
June	Amy and Tracey to keep the forum informed. Amy to provide an update at the next meeting around the TCC kerbside collection.

Kia ora SmartGrowth participants,

Tauranga has one of the worst rates per capita in New Zealand for sending household waste to landfill. We need to improve on our waste habits both for the environment and future generations.

Council wants to make it easier for all households in Tauranga to reduce waste they're sending to landfill. That's why we're proposing adding a new food scraps, recycling and rubbish wheelie-bin kerbside collection to our existing kerbside glass recycling service from July 2021. Our new proposed service will be for households in Tauranga and will be a big change to how you deal with your household rubbish. Therefore, we wanted to share this important information so you can learn more about our waste problem in Tauranga, how the proposed collections will help solve this, and ultimately have your say on what the final service will be.

We want to hear your opinion on our proposed collection service and would really appreciate if you could please circulate this 5-minute survey to anyone who resides in the Tauranga City Council area: www.talkingtrash.co.nz

I look forward to discussing this project more detail and providing an update at the SmartGrowth Environment and Sustainability meeting on 3rd December.

Ngā mihi,

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Have your say on Tauranga's kerbside collections at
talkingtrash.co.nz

