

Strategy and Finance Committee
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday 17 March 2016
Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson	Councillor Raf Manji
Deputy Chairperson	Mayor Lianne Dalziel
Members	Deputy Mayor Vicki Buck
	Councillor Jimmy Chen
	Councillor Phil Clearwater
	Councillor Jamie Gough
	Councillor Yani Johanson

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- Part A** **Matters Requiring a Council Decision**
Part B **Reports for Information**
Part C **Decisions Under Delegation**
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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Part C

Apologies

Committee Resolved SFCM/2016/00018

It was **resolved** on the motion of Mayor Dalziel, seconded by Councillor Chen that the apologies from Councillor Turner, for absence and Councillor Gough, for lateness be accepted.

Mayor/Councillor Chen

Carried

Note: Councillor Gough arrived at the meeting at 1.03 pm.

2. Declarations of Interest

Part B

Deputy Mayor Buck and Councillors Gough and Johanson, members of Christchurch City Holding Ltd Board, declared an interest in Item 10.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Part C

Committee Resolved SFCM/2016/00019

Decision

That the minutes of the Strategy and Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, 18 February 2016 be confirmed.

Councillor Chen/Deputy Mayor

Carried

4. Deputations by Appointment

Part B

4.1 Mr Oscar Peppitt, Uber NZ

Mr Oscar Peppitt, General Manager Uber NZ, addressed the Committee regarding the launch of Uber, a ride-sharing company that connects drivers and riders, in Christchurch.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Peppitt for his deputation.

4.2 Mr Ian Goodwin, FerntechNZ

Mr Ian Goodwin, Director of FerntechNZ, addressed the Committee in relation to the Drones Report, Item 6 of these minutes, and asked that the Committee reconsider aspects of the proposed policy including aligning the policy to that of other Council's, increasing the 1kg weight limit of drones permitted in parks without consent and removing beaches as a prohibited area.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Goodwin for his deputation.

4.3 Jared Waddams, Helicam Pro

Mr Jared Waddams from Helicam Pro and the Christchurch Multi Rotors Group, addressed the Committee in relation to the Item 6 of these minutes, requesting that the weight limit for drones flying over parks without a consent be increased to 1.5kg. Mr Waddams also asked that the Commercial Photograph, Video and Filming section be reconsidered particularly with respect to its effect on copyright laws.

Following questions from Committee members the Chairperson thanked Mr Waddams for his deputation.

4.4 Mr Ross Lawler

Mr Ross Lawler, a drone hobbyist, addressed the Committee in relation to Item 6 of these minutes requesting that drones up to 3kg in weight be permitted to fly in certain parks and reserves including the Port Hills without prior approval, that areas where drones are not permitted to fly be clearly identified and that an online forum be created where both public and private approved and restricted flight areas could be listed.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Lawler for his deputation.

4.5 Kate McKenzie, Christchurch International Airport Ltd

Kate McKenzie, Senior Land use Planner Christchurch International Airport Ltd, addressed the Committee supporting in general the adoption option 1 of the Drone's report, Item 6 of these minutes. Ms McKenzie requested further discussion with Traffic Control, the Civil Aviation Authority and the airport should consideration be given to increasing the weight limit of drones permitted to fly in public place without consent. It was also requested that if the policy is adopted by the Council, that the Civil Aviation Authority regulations and a list of all public parks and reserves within the four kilometer aerodrome exclusions be included as attachments to the drone policy and on the Airshare website.

The Chairperson thanked Ms McKenzie for her deputation.

5. Presentation of Petitions

Part B

There was no presentation of petitions.

6. 'Drones' Policy

Committee Comment

The Committee considered the Drones report along with the information presented in the deputations. A number of issues were raised at the meeting including the weight limit, the exclusion zones including the beach and copyright issues. The Committee decided to ask that

staff consider the issues and bring back an updated policy to the next Strategy and Finance Committee.

Staff Recommendation

That the Strategy and Finance Committee recommends that the Council:

1. Resolves to adopt Option 1 Drones Policy (Attachment 1).
2. Resolves, under Clause 12(4) of the Parks and Reserves Bylaw, that all drones, regardless of weight, MAY NOT be flown in the parks and reserves below without explicit consent (which may be granted on a case-by- case basis) from an Authorised Officer of Council:
 - a. Garden or Heritage Parks; or Cemeteries; or Local Purpose Drainage Reserves
 - b. Within twenty metres of an open-air public pool or playground
 - c. Within twenty metres of the boundary of any park
 - d. The Avon Riverbank Central City reserve
 - e. Over public beaches/foreshore¹ between 1 December and 30 April
 - f. Over sensitive wildlife on Council land at Brooklands Lagoon; Travis Wetland; the foreshores of Te Waihapu (Avon Heathcote Estuary), Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere), and Te Wairewa (Lake Forsyth); Kaitorete Spit and South Shore Spit; Lake Roto Kohatu; the Groynes; Bromley Oxidation ponds

Committee Resolved SFCM/2016/00020

Committee Decisions under Delegation

Part C

The Committee **decided** to request that staff consider the issues raised at the meeting and bring back an updated policy proposal to the next Strategy and Finance Committee meeting.

Councillor Clearwater/Councillor Chen

Carried

Committee Recommendation to Council/Committee

Part A

There was no recommendation made to the Council on this item.

The meeting stood adjourned at 2.27pm and resumed at 2.35pm.

7. Business Improvement District Policy

Committee Comment

- 1) The Committee considered a report seeking its recommendation to the Council that the draft Business Improvement district Policy be adopted and that an annual budget provision be made to provide for a contestable fund for business associations looking to progress to a business Improvement District Programme.

Staff Recommendations

That the Strategy and Finance Committee:

1. Recommends that the Council:
 - a. Adopts the draft Business Improvement Policy (Attachment A)
 - b. Agrees to the consultation approach and timeline outlined in this report
 - c. Agrees to the establishment of a contestable grant fund of \$50,000 per year for business associations to apply to for work associated with progressing to a Business Improvement District programme - scheme criteria to be the subject of a further report to the Council. Funding to be a new budget amount in the Strategic Planning and Policy activity.

Committee Decided SFCM/2016/00021

Part A

The Committee recommended that the Council:

- a. Adopts the draft Business Improvement Policy (Attachment A)
- b. Agrees to the consultation approach and timeline outlined in this report

Councillor Gough/Councillor Clearwater

Carried

Committee Decided SFCM/2016/00022

The Committee recommended that the Council:

- c. Agrees to the establishment of a contestable grant fund the of \$50,000 per year for business associations to apply to for work associated with progressing to a Business Improvement District programme - scheme criteria to be the subject of a further report to the Council. Funding to be a new budget amount in the Strategic Planning and Policy activity.

Deputy Mayor/Councillor Gough

Carried

Note: Councillor Johanson requested that his vote against (c) above be recorded.

8 Resolution to Exclude the Public

Committee Resolved SFCM/2016/00023

Part C

That at 3.20 pm the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 59 to 60 of the agenda be adopted.

That Bob Lineham of Christchurch City Holdings Ltd and Steve Clarke of Christchurch Development Ltd, remain after the public have been excluded for Items 10 and 11 of the public excluded agenda as they have knowledge that is relevant to those items.

Deputy Mayor/Councillor Gough

Carried

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 3.50pm.

Meeting concluded at 3.50pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 21St DAY OF April 2016.

**RAF MANJI
CHAIRPERSON**