

Hearings Panel
Draft Tree Policy 2020
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday 7 December 2020
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Committee Room 2, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street

Present
Members Councillor Melanie Coker
Councillor Yani Johanson

4 December 2020

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha

Hearings Panel Resolved BLHP/2020/00013

That the apology from Councillor Gough be received.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Coker

Carried

2. Election of Chairperson / Te Whakatū Poumua

Hearings Panel Resolved BLHP/2020/00014

It was decided that Councillor Johanson be appointed Chairperson of the Draft Tree Policy 2020 Hearings Panel .

Councillor Coker/Councillor Johanson

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest / Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

5. Tables of Submissions

Hearings Panel Resolved BLHP/2020/00015

That the Hearings Panel:

1. Accepts the written submissions, including any late submissions, received on the Draft Tree Policy 2020.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Coker

Carried

4. Draft Tree Policy 2020 - summary of submissions

Council Officers listed below joined the table to present the Officer report and respond to questions arising from the Hearings Panel. This included a PowerPoint presentation (**Attachment A**).

- Toby Chapman
- Tony Armstrong

Staff provided the following proposed staff recommendations:

That the Hearings Panel:

- 1.1 Considers the results of the consultation process, which are appended to this report, and in doing so hears any submissions.
- 1.2 Receives the staff analysis summary of submissions (Attachment A) and track changes to the policy (Attachment B).
- 1.3 Reports the outcome of the hearings process and the submissions received to the Council for a decision on the final form and adoption of the draft Tree Policy 2020.
- 1.4 Recommends to the Council that it:
 - 1.4.1 Adopts the Tree Policy with the amendments outlined in Attachment B;
 - 1.4.2 Delegates authority to staff to make any grammatical and spelling amendments to the draft Tree Policy;
 - 1.4.3 Revokes the following policies which have been superseded by the consolidated Tree Policy:
 - Christchurch City Council Tree Planting in Streets Policy;
 - Christchurch City Council Trees and Health Policy;
 - Christchurch City Council Sponsorship of Trees and Other Plantings on Reserves Policy;
 - Banks Peninsula District Council Tree and Vegetation Policy Resolutions 98/178 and 97/404;
 - Banks Peninsula District Council Tree Trimmings (Private Plantings) Policy Resolution 94/636;
 - Banks Peninsula District Council Tree Planting on Reserves – Indigenous Trees and Shrubs Policy Resolution 99/236;
 - Banks Peninsula District Council Wildling Trees – Removal from Road Reserve Resolution 98/178.

Attachments

A Staff Presentation [⇒](#)

6. Hearing of Submissions / Ngā Tāpaetanga

The Hearings Panel received presentations from the following submitters:

- 34440 Louise Callaghan (written document provided)
- 34881 Dieter Steinegg
- 34614 Emma Norrish on behalf of Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board
- 34883 Paula Greer on behalf of Canterbury Botanical Society (written document provided)
- 34488 Greg Partridge on behalf of Richmond Residents and Business Association (written document provided)

- 35636 Elizabeth Graham (written document provided)
- 34504 Paula Greer
- 34866 Colin Meurk speaking for Dave Bryce on behalf of Redcliffs Residents Association, Redcliffs Eco Village Group and Drayton Reserve Volunteers – by Zoom (PowerPoint presentation and written document provided)
- 34940 Colin Meurk – by Zoom (PowerPoint presentation and written document provided)
- 34905 Darryl Millar and Anthony O'Donnell on behalf of Orion NZ Ltd (written documents provided)
- 34885 John Warwick Thacker
- 34919 Chris Kissling and Mark Belton on behalf of Christchurch Civic Trust Inc
- 34921 Nicky Snoyink on behalf of Forest & Bird
- 34960 Karolin Potter on behalf of Waihora/Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board

Attachments

A Documents Tabled by Submitters [⇒](#)

7. Consideration and Deliberation / Ngā Whaiwhakaaro me Ngā Taukume o Ngā Kōrero

The Hearings Panel considered and deliberated on the written and verbal submissions received and additional information provided by submitters and Council Officers.

Council Officers Toby Chapman and Tony Armstrong returned to the table together with Council Officers Libby Elvidge, Kim Swarbrick, Katie McRae and Vivienne Wilson, to respond to questions raised by the Hearings Panel.

The meeting adjourned at 2.33pm to 9.30am Monday 14 December 2020 at Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street.

The meeting reconvened at 9.38am Monday 14 December 2020 at Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street.

The Panel Members referred a number of questions through to Council Officers for response. Those questions arose from the information provided by Council Officers and the written and oral submissions received, **Attachment A**.

Council Officers Toby Chapman, Tony Armstrong, Libby Elvidge returned to the table together with Council Officers Ron Lemm, Katie Smith and David Falconer to further respond to questions raised by the Hearings Panel.

Attachments

- A Hearings Panel Questions and Council Officer Responses [⇒](#)

8. Hearings Panel Recommendations / Ngā Tūtohu o Te Tira Tauaki

Hearings Panel Resolved BLHP/2020/00016

Part A

The Hearings Panel recommends that the Council:

1. Adopts the Tree Policy with the amendments outlined in Attachment A.
2. Request staff to update the Council public facing website with the Tree Policy and include links to Construction Standard Specifications, Infrastructure Design Standards and the District Plan.
3. Request staff to report back annually on current tree asset status, including removal and replanting.
4. Request city arborists to investigate opportunities to work with the Smart Cities team to enhance tree asset systems and reporting.
5. Request staff to provide a memorandum on the decision to allow shallow trenching for fibre services and what assessment, if any, was undertaken in regards to the impact on the city's current and future tree assets.
6. Request staff to investigate and present valuation methods for consideration that better reflect the environmental benefits provided by trees.
7. Request staff to provide a memorandum on any existing guidelines or protocols for commemorative trees and community planting projects with advice on any suggested improvements if required.
8. Request staff investigate prioritising changes to the District Plan to provide greater protection of existing trees as part of the implementation of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development and brief Councillors before July 2021.
9. Apply to the Tree Cities of the World programme in conjunction with the adoption of the Tree Policy.
10. Delegates authority to staff to make any grammatical and spelling amendments to the draft Tree Policy;
11. Revokes the following policies which have been superseded by the consolidated Tree Policy:
 - a. Christchurch City Council Tree Planting in Streets Policy;
 - b. Christchurch City Council Trees and Health Policy;
 - c. Christchurch City Council Sponsorship of Trees and Other Plantings on Reserves Policy;
 - d. Banks Peninsula District Council Tree and Vegetation Policy Resolutions 98/178 and 97/404;

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- g. Banks Peninsula District Council Wildling Trees – Removal from Road Reserve Resolution 98/178.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Coker

Carried

Attachments

- A Hearings Panel Recommended Draft Tree Policy [⇒](#)

Meeting concluded at 1.32pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 16th DAY OF DECEMBER 2020 BY CHAIRPERSON YANI JOHANSON