# Policy and Planning Committee

# MINUTES

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon, Dunedin on Thursday 02 April 2026, commencing at 9.00 am**

**PRESENT**

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| **Chairperson** | Mayor Sophie Barker | |
| **Deputy Chairperson** | Cr Cherry Lucas | |
| **Members** | Cr John Chambers | Cr Christine Garey |
| | Cr Doug Hall | Cr Russell Lund via Zoom |
| | Cr Mandy Mayhem | Cr Benedict Ong |
| | Cr Andrew Simms | Cr Mickey Treadwell |
| | Cr Lee Vandervis | Cr Steve Walker |
| | Cr Brent Weatherall | Ms Nadia Wesley-Smith |
| | Professor Emma Wyeth | |

**IN ATTENDANCE** David Ward (General Manager 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development), Nicola Morand (Manahautū – General Manager Community and Strategy), Mike Costelloe (General Manager Arts, Culture and Economic Development), Jonathan Rowe (Acting General Manager City Services) and Rory McLean (Senior Policy Analyst – Zero Carbon)

**Governance Support Officer** Rebecca Murray

## 1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Mayor Sophie Barker opened the meeting with a Karakia Timatanga.

## 2 PUBLIC FORUM

### 2.1 Homelessness

Anna Knight attended the meeting to speak to matters relating to homelessness and the homelessness outreach service and tabled a supporting PDF. She raised concerns regarding the use and impacts of move-on orders and discussed issues relating to public service delivery, community wellbeing, and the importance of protecting freedom of movement and personal liberty. Ms Knight also responded to questions.

### 2.2 Proposal for DCC to fund outreach workers to the homeless community

Chris Hawkins attended the meeting to speak to a proposal for DCC funding of homelessness outreach workers. He outlined the current situation, noting there is only one outreach worker in Dunedin and that existing funding is due to expire. He emphasised the importance of the programme and advised that, should Council consider providing the service in-house, funding for at least two workers would be required for safety reasons. Mr Hawkins also responded to questions.

## 3 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cr Marie Laufiso

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

**Accepts** the apology from Cr Marie Laufiso.

**Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/007)**

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

**Confirms** the agenda without addition or alteration.

**Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/008)**

## 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

a) **Notes** the Elected or Independent Members' Interest Register; and

b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected or Independent Members' Interests.

**Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/009)**

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 6.1 POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING - 5 FEBRUARY 2026

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

**Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting held on 05 February 2026 as a correct record.

**Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/010)** with Emma Wyeth and Nadia Wesley-Smith recording their abstention.

## PART A REPORTS

## 7 DCC EMISSIONS MANAGEMENT AND REDUCTION PLAN & ZERO CARBON IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2025/26 - Q1/2 REPORTING

A report from Zero Carbon provided an update on DCC's organisational emissions (for sources with data available) for the period July 2025 – December 2025 (Q1/2) and updated the progress on specific time-bound projects in the Zero Carbon implementation plan 2025/26.

Acting General Manager City Services (Jonathan Rowe) and Senior Policy Analyst – Zero Carbon (Rory McLean) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Steve Walker/Mayor Sophie Barker):

That the Committee:

a) **Notes** DCC's Q1/2 2025/26 organisational emissions.

b) **Notes** reported progress on specific time-bound projects in the Zero Carbon implementation plan 2025/26.

c) **Notes** that delays on several projects designed to improve waste diversion rates may negatively affect achievement of DCC's 2029/30 emissions reduction target.

**Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/011)** with Crs Weatherall, Lund and Vandervis recording their vote against.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Committee:

**Adjourns** the meeting for 10 minutes.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 10.59am and reconvened at 11.10am.

Cr Lee Vandervis and Cr Russell Lund left the meeting at 10.59am.

## 8 DUNEDIN CITY GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY FOR THE 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

A report from Zero Carbon provided an update on Dunedin's city-wide emissions for 2024/25, showing gross emissions have reduced 13% from 2018/19 to 2024/25.

Acting General Manager City Services (Jonathan Rowe) and Senior Policy Analyst – Zero Carbon (Rory McLean) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Cr Russell Lund returned to the meeting at 11.25am.

Mayor Sophie Barker left the meeting at 11.31am. Deputy Mayor Lucas chaired the meeting.

Moved (Cr Steve Walker/Cr Mickey Treadwell):

That the Committee:

**Notes** the Dunedin City Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory for the 2025 Financial Year

**Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/012)** with Cr Benedict Ong recording his abstention and Cr Brent Weatherall recording is vote against.

## 9 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

Development of a Policy and Planning Committee Forward Work Programme.

## 10 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Professor Emma Wyeth closed the meeting with a Karakia Whakamutunga.

The meeting concluded at 11.54am.

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CHAIRPERSON