

Item not on the Agenda



Report To:	Regional Council
Meeting Date:	16 December 2021
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Purpose:	To agree in principle to establishing a joint committee with Tauranga City Council to provide direction on Tauranga integrated transport systems.

Establish a BOPRC/ TCC Joint Committee

Executive Summary

Regional Council Tauranga constituency members and Tauranga City Council commissioners have identified the need to establish a joint decision making body to guide both infrastructure and service planning relevant to Tauranga's public transport.

Council is asked to agree in principle to establish a joint committee and appoint its representatives to enable further discussions on the terms of reference to take place prior to the next Council meeting in 2022.

Recommendations

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, Establish a BOPRC/ TCC Joint Committee and accepts it as an Item not on the Agenda. Notes the reason why this item was not on the Agenda is that the matter was raised after the last agenda for 2021 was published, and the reason why it cannot be delayed is to enable discussions on the Terms of Reference to continue prior to the first meeting of Council in 2022.**
- 2 Under Schedule 7 30(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002, agrees in principle to establish a Joint Committee (name to be confirmed) of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the Tauranga City Council to guide both infrastructure and service planning relevant to Tauranga's transport system.**
- 3 Notes that the Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee will be confirmed at the first Council meeting in 2022.**
- 4 Appoints Councillors Andrew von Dadelszen and Paula Thompson as the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's members to the Joint Committee.**

1. Introduction

Further discussions between BOPRC Councillors and Tauranga City Council Commissioners have identified the need to adopt a collaborative approach to decision making concerning transport systems for Tauranga.

A joint committee is recommended to be established by both the TCC and BOPRC to focus on Tauranga City’s transport system.

1.1 Legislative Framework

Clause 30(1)(b) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) enables councils to establish joint committees. Clause 30A of Schedule 7 of the LGA states that no council can appoint a joint committee unless each council has agreed to set up the committee.

Clause 30A (5) Schedule 7 of the LGA states that a joint committee is deemed to be both a committee of each council and Clause 30A(6) states that the power to appoint and discharge individual members must be exercised by the council that made the appointment and sets the quorum as half of the members if the number of members is an even number.

1.2 Alignment with Strategic Framework

A Vibrant Region	We lead regional transport strategy and system planning, working with others to deliver a safe and reliable public transport system.
The Way We Work	We look to partnerships for best outcomes.
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1.2.1 Community Well-beings Assessment

Dominant Well-Beings Affected			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic

A collaborative approach to an integrated transport system in Tauranga has positive impact across all community wellbeings.

2. Considerations

2.1 Risks and Mitigations

The establishment of a joint decision making body mitigates risks of an uncoordinated approach in public transport infrastructure and service planning required in a city experiencing rapid growth.

Any impact and linkages to the Public Transport Committee will be identified through the development of the Terms of Reference.

2.2 Climate Change

Although there will be positive climate change impacts from decisions made by the joint committee, the matters addressed in this report are of a procedural nature only.

2.3 Implications for Māori

Establishing a joint committee with Tauranga City Council is a procedural matter only and does not require engagement with Māori.

2.4 Community Engagement



INFORM Whakamōhio

To provide affected communities with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions.

The establishment of a joint committee with Tauranga city Council does not require community engagement. Information relating to the establishment of the joint committee will be advertised on the Regional Council's website.

2.5 Financial Implications

There are no material unbudgeted financial implications in establishing the joint committee and this fits within the allocated Governance budget.

- Any recommendations from the joint committee that imposes financial commitments on each councils will be referred to the respective councils for approval.

3. Next Steps

Once both councils have agreed to establish a joint committee, administrative processes will be underway for both councils to collaborate in developing the Terms of Reference and agree administration responsibilities and meeting dates.