

## **BEFORE THE HEARINGS PANEL**

**UNDER** Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of hearings on Our Space: Greater Christchurch  
Settlement Pattern Update 2018-2048

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### **MINUTE 1 OF THE HEARINGS PANEL**

**Dated 8 February 2019**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1 As set out in the note to submitters dated 10 December 2018, the Greater Christchurch Partnership (**GCP**) Committee established a hearings panel for the Our Space 2018-2048 Greater Christchurch Settlement Pattern Update comprising the following representatives:
  - (a) Bill Wasley, GCP Independent Chair (Chair)
  - (b) Councillor Peter Skelton, Canterbury Regional Council
  - (c) Councillor Sara Templeton, Christchurch City Council
  - (d) Deputy Mayor Malcolm Lyall, Selwyn District Council
  - (e) Councillor Neville Atkinson, Waimakariri District Council
  - (f) Gail Gordon, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Ngāti Wheke)
  - (g) Ta Mark Solomon, Canterbury District Health Board
  - (h) Jim Harland, New Zealand Transport Agency.
- 2 The Hearings Panel is a subcommittee of the GCP Committee. Its role is to consider public submissions and the advice contained in an

Officers' Report and make recommendations to the GCP Committee on the draft document released for public consultation throughout 2018.

3 The Hearings Panel has reviewed a list of submitters and have identified those submitters with whom the Hearing Panel have had current or previous associations:

(a) Councillor Sara Templeton

(i) Councillor of Christchurch City Council

(b) Ta Mark Solomon

(i) Deputy Chair of Canterbury District Health Board

#### **Christchurch City Council and Canterbury District Health Board**

4 The Hearings Panel has carefully considered the role of Councillor Sara Templeton and Ta Mark Solomon on the Hearings Panel in light of the submissions lodged by Christchurch City Council and the Canterbury District Health Board. The Panel has sought legal advice on this matter to confirm that there is no conflict of interest arising. This has been provided as an attachment to the Officers' Report.

5 Both Councillor Templeton and Ta Mark Solomon have confirmed that they were not involved in the preparation or subsequent approval of the submissions lodged by their respective organisations. In particular, the CCC submission has been lodged under delegated authority and has not been the subject of a council resolution. Therefore, the Hearing Panel is satisfied that there is a sufficient degree of separation between Councillor Templeton and Ta Mark Solomon and the submissions lodged by CCC and CDHB.

6 Councillor Templeton and Ta Mark Solomon, together with the other Hearing Panel Members, have also confirmed that they do not have a personal interest in the final form of the Our Space document.

7 Each member of this Hearings Panel is committed to approaching the hearing and consideration of submissions with an open mind and giving the views presented due consideration.

8 The Panel also notes in relation to the Officers' Report that CCC and CDHB staff have not been involved in dealing with matters raised in

their respective submissions and that CCC and CDHB staff involvement in matters not raised in their submissions has also been limited to officers who had not been involved in the preparation of their organisation's submission.

### **Conclusion**

- 9 The Hearings Panel is satisfied, subject to any matter submitters might raise, that any perceived conflicts of interest can be dealt with by this disclosure, and there is no need for any Panel member to recuse themselves from considering and determining any of the submissions.
- 10 If any submitter takes a different view, or wishes to raise additional matters, they are to alert the Hearings Panel as a matter of urgency.

**DATED** this 8th day of February 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Wasley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Bill Wasley**  
Hearing Panel Chair