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**MINUTE 15 OF THE EXPERT PANEL**  
Appointment of a technical advisor - economics  
Delmore [FTAA-2502-1015]  
(1 August 2025)

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This minute records that the Delmore Expert Panel (**Panel**) has appointed a technical advisor on 30 July 2025.

[1] The assessment of economic benefits for this Application is particularly important. The Panel have two very different assessments from the Applicant and the Council. There are also a number of iterations of these assessments. In the timeframes we are working to we considered it appropriate to appoint a technical advisor to assist with the process of assessing the economic benefits and providing a report of this which will be available to the participants. Depending on the outcome of that report it may be necessary to hold expert conferencing but that will be determined at a later date.

[2] The Panel appoints Dr Tim Denne, an applied economist with extensive experience working in fields of public policy (cost benefit analysis and policy design).

[3] Dr Denne has been appointed for the following purposes:

- (a) To review the economic analyses provided by the Applicant and the Council;
- (b) To provide a report commenting on those economic analyses;
- (c) To be available for witness conferencing if this required;
- (d) Attending Panel meetings if required; and
- (e) Handling any other matters as requested by the Panel.



Helen Atkins  
Delmore Expert panel chair