

To be resolved

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Laboratory Services Tender

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each	Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<i>Tenders received relating to the supply of services at the Greater Wellington Regional Council Laboratory</i>	<i>The information contained in the report is subject to mutually understood obligation of confidentiality. Release would be likely to prohibit future tenderers from tendering if they were aware that their names would be made public in advance of a tender decision being made. It is in the public interest that Greater Wellington receives tenders to ensure that Greater Wellington is able to attract the best possible tenderers.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(c) 7(2)(b)(ii) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (ie to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence which, if released would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information and it is in the public interest that such information continue to be supplied, to protect information where the making available of that information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information and to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, with out prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).</i>
	<i>Release of the tender evaluation contained in the report would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers as it would reveal their tender strategy and details of their operational methodology. In</i>	

the circumstances, this is considered unreasonable given the competitive environment they operate in. Their competitors could use this information to undercut them.

Release of the 2007/08 budget for laboratory work would disadvantage the Council in its negotiations with the preferred tenderer and subsequent contract operations, as it would give an indication of the top price the Council would be willing to accept for the service.

Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information above in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the identified prejudice.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.