



Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Council meeting on 27 February 2020.

Report 20.23

Public minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 4 February 2020

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 8.30am.

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash (from 8.48am)
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor (from 9.10am)
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor van Lier

Public Business

1. Apologies

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Connelly

That the Council accepts the apology for absence from Cr Staples and the apologies for lateness from Cr Brash and Cr Gaylor.

The motion was **carried**.

2. Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

Cr Connelly, Cr van Lier and Cr Ponter advised the meeting of their employment or contract relationship with the Ministry of Primary Industries and advised that they had no role with regard to the development of the Government's freshwater proposals, which are the subject of agenda item five.

3. Public participation

There was no public participation.

Strategy/ Policy/ Major Issues

4. Earlybird off-peak bus fares trial – Report 20.22

Paul Kos, Manager, Public Transport Planning, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council:

- 1 Agrees to proceed with an Earlybird off-peak bus fares trial to provide off-peak Snapper fares for Metlink bus services prior to 7am on working days.
- 2 Notes the trial is proposed to begin on Monday 10 February, for a period of four months.
- 3 Notes that the trial will be monitored continually against success criteria to determine whether the trial has been effective in spreading peak demand on the bus network in Wellington City.
- 4 Notes that initial findings will be reported back to Council after three months to determine whether the trial should be extended.
- 5 Notes that the estimated revenue loss for the four month trial period will be funded from Greater Wellington's reserves.
- 6 Notes that bus operators and the NZ Transport Agency are supportive of the trial.
- 7 Notes that the trial will apply to adult Snapper customers only, and will not be available for cash, Super Gold, or rail passengers.
- 8 Notes that the trial will be supported and promoted with a targeted marketing campaign to ensure bus commuters are aware of the trial.

The motion was **carried**.

5. Government Freshwater reforms – letter to Minister for the Environment – Report 20.16

Matt Hickman, Manager, Environmental Policy, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council:

- 1 Notes the Greater Wellington submission on the Government's freshwater reforms (Attachment 1).
- 2 Notes a summary of key themes from the LGNZ regional sector submission in (Attachment 2).
- 3 Notes a summary of national and regional costs of the freshwater proposals as presented by the LGNZ regional sector (Attachment 3).
- 4 Directs officers to prepare a letter from the Chair to Environment and Agriculture Ministers subject to consultation with the chair of Environment Committee and co-chair of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee.
- 5 Notes that the Council Chair will meet with the Environment Minister on Tuesday 11 February 2020.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Cr Brash arrived at 8.48am, during the officer presentation on the above item.

Noted: Cr Gaylor arrived at 9.10am, during questions on the above item.

The public part of the meeting closed at 9.33am.



Cr D Ponter
(Chair)

27/2/2020
Date:

