

## **Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 10 June 2021**

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 1.02pm.

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### **Members Present**

Councillor Ponter (Chair)  
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Blakeley  
Councillor Brash  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Gaylor  
Councillor Hughes  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Lamason  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor van Lier

### **Public Business**

#### **1 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

#### **2 Item not on the agenda to be dealt with**

The Council Chair advised that Council would need to deal with the report on the appointment of the Chief Executive.

Moved: Cr Hughes / Cr Staples

- 1 That under Standing Order 3.5.5, Appointment of the Chief Executive – Report RPE21.197 is dealt with at this meeting.

- 2 This report is not on the agenda for this meeting as at the time the agenda was prepared the Council was still working through the process of identifying the preferred candidate for appointment.
- 3 Discussion on matters contained in this report cannot be delayed until the Council's next meeting because the matters need to be progressed and finalised promptly with the preferred candidate.

The motion was **carried**.

### **3 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### **4 Public participation**

There was no public participation.

The Council Chair accorded priority to agenda item 7 – Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy – Report 21.186.

### **5 Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy – Report 21.186**

Dame Margaret Bazley, Geoff Henley, Rawiri Smith, Jo Hayes, and Robin Potangaroa presented the Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy to Council and spoke to their presentation.

Al Cross, General Manager, Environment Management, and Alastair Smail, Programme Lead – Urban Water, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr van Lier

That Council

- 1 Adopts the Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy.
- 2 Agrees that the Wairarapa Committee shall be the governance body that coordinates the implementation of the Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy.

The motion was **carried**.

### **6 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Hearing Committee meeting on 18 May, 19 May, and 20 May 2021 - Report 21.207**

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Brash

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Hearing Committee meeting on 18 May, 19 May, and 20 May 2021 - Report 21.207.

The motion was **carried**.

**7 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 27 May 2021 – Report 21.226**

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Brash

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 27 May 2021 - Report 21.226

The motion was **carried**.

**8 Update on progress of action items from previous Council meetings – June 2021 – Report 21.240 [For Information]**

## **Strategy, policy or major issues**

**9 Report on the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Hearing Committee – Report 21.171**

Councillor Ponter, Ali Trustrum-Rainey, Chief Financial Officer, and Tracey Plane, Manager, Strategic and Corporate Planning, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That Council:

- 1 Agrees to include in the final 2021-31 Long Term Plan the preferred options from the Consultation Document:
  - a Electric all the way
  - b Sow the seeds now
  - c Serious support.
- 2 Agrees to the following changes being included in the final 2021-31 Long Term Plan:
  - a Additional funding of \$250,000 per annum from 2023/24 until 2027/28 for Predator Free Wellington, subject to additional conditions regarding assisting and sharing best practice learnings across regional Predator Free groups.
  - b Additional funding of \$100,000 for 2021/22 increasing to \$300,000 per annum from 2022/23 for the Mauri Tūhono ki Te Upoko o Te Ika (Regional Biodiversity Framework).
  - c Signal a commitment in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan to fund Wellington Regional Stadium Trust for earthquake resilience works, totalling \$2.33 million in 2023/24 as a one-third contribution, subject to confirmation of Wellington City Council support.
  - d Funding of \$150,000 per annum from 2021/22 to 2023/24 for additional Greater Wellington park ranger resourcing.
  - e Signal in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan continued support for the feasibility work on the Wainuiomata Fenced Sanctuary, subject to the Department of Conservation being the lead agency.

- f Additional funding of \$400,000 per annum from 2021/22 onwards, to support the Whaitua Implementation Programmes.
  - g Funding the commitment to the living wage for bus drivers (as per 8 April 2021 Council Report 21.92) of \$906,500 per annum (net of Waka Kotahi co-funding), through reserves for 2021/22 and targeted rates for following years.
- 3 Notes that funding the commitment to the living wage for bus drivers (recommendation 2g above) is a new item since the public consultation process on the 2021-31 Long Term Plan was undertaken; this has been assessed as of low significance and does not require further public consultation to include it, as stated, into the final 2021-31 Long Term Plan.
  - 4 Agrees to the following changes being included in the Resource Management Charging Policy:
    - a a phased approach to the increases on the State of the Environment and customer service fees being specified in the Resource Management Charging Policy
    - b the application of a ten percent discount / rebate for telemetered takes.

The motion was **carried**.

#### **10 Finalisation of the 10 Year 2021-31 Budget – Report 21.222**

Ali Trustrum-Rainey, Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Lamason

That Council:

- 1 Approves the establishment of a new special dividend reserve funded from the WRC Holdings' proposed special dividend to be used for funding projects approved by Council as part of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan, or future Annual Plans, or as approved by Council.
- 2 Notes the new reserve will be used to fund the 2021/22 cost of the living wage for bus drivers as a one-off and can be used to fund any project, cost, rates smoothing or subsidy that benefits the Greater Wellington General Rate and benefits all ratepayers.
- 3 Approves the budget changes, proposed final rates and the proposed water levy as set out in this report.
- 4 Approves the finalisation of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan budget, rates and charges, incorporating the changes recommended in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Hearing Committee's report (Report 21.171).

The motion was **carried**.

## **Governance**

### **11 Wellington Regional Leadership Committee: Independent Chair revised remuneration – Report 21.225**

Sean Mahoney, Company Portfolio and Economic Development Manager, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Blakeley

That Council:

- 1 Notes that Greater Wellington, as the Administering Authority, is responsible determining the remuneration of non-elected members to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee.
- 2 Notes that the proposed Independent Chair is recommended for appointment to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee at this same Council meeting, 10 June 2021, report PE21.163 – Wellington Regional Leadership Committee: Appointment of Non Local Government Members.
- 3 Notes that, at its meeting on 8 April 2021, Council agreed in principle to \$35,000 as an annual taxable honorarium, plus Greater Wellington's standard mileage allowance, as the annual remuneration for the Independent Chair of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee.
- 4 Approves the revised remuneration for the Independent Chair of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee as an annual taxable honorarium of \$50,000, plus Council's standard mileage allowance.

The motion was **carried**.

## **Resolution to exclude the public**

### **12 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 21.187**

An updated Resolution to exclude the public was tabled.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Lee

That Council excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 27 May 2021 – Report PE21.229

Wellington Regional Leadership Committee: appointment of members – Report PE21.163

New replacement standby facility – Report PE21.182

Property Purchase – Lower Hutt – Report PE21.191

Appointment of the Chief Executive – Report RPE21.197

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 ground/s under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 27 May 2021 – Report PE21.229</b>	
<i>Reason/s for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground/s under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>Information contained in the minutes relates to the commercially sensitive ownership structure of Mana and Transdev and parent company guarantee details supplied by the third parties. Making the information available would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of those third parties.</p> <p>Information contained in the minutes relates to information which has been supplied under an obligation of confidence. Release of this information would likely prejudice the supply of similar information, or further information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act (to enable the local authority to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information). And as per section 7(2)(c)(i) of the Act (to enable the local authority to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied).</p>
<b>Wellington Regional Leadership Committee: appointment of non-Local Government members– Report PE21.163</b>	
<i>Reason/s for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground/s under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>Information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about proposed candidates for appointment to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee. Release of this information prior to Council's decision is likely to prejudice the privacy of natural persons (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as releasing this information would disclose their</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act (to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons).</p>

<p>consideration for appointment as members of the Committee.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has considered whether the public interest outweighs the need to withhold the information and has determined that there is no public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.</p>	
<b>New Replacement Standby Facility – Report PE21.182</b>	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>Information contained in this report relates to pricing of financing facilities. Withholding this information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act (to enable any local authority to carry on, without prejudice of disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)).</p>
<b>Property Purchase – Lower Hutt – Report PE21.191</b>	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>The information contained in this report relates to the proposed purchase of private commercial property and contains high level estimates of both property acquisition costs and surplus property disposal proceeds. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would prejudice Greater Wellington’s negotiating position when engaging</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act (to enable any local authority to carry on, without prejudice of disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)).</p>

<p>with owners and lessees of the subject properties.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has considered whether the public interest outweighs the need to withhold the information and has determined that there is no public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information</p>	
<p><b>Appointment of the Chief Executive – RPE21.197</b></p>	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>Information contained in this report includes the details of the preferred candidate for appointment and details on the negotiation parameters with the preferred candidate. Release of this information would prejudice the privacy of the preferred candidate and disadvantage the Council in its negotiations with the preferred candidate.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has considered whether the public interest outweighs the need to withhold the information and has determined that there is no public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act (to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons), and section 7(2)(i) of the Act (to enable any local authority to carry on, without prejudice of disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)).</p>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Act and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

The motion was carried.



The public part of the meeting closed at 2.20pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D Ponter', written in a cursive style.

Councillor D Ponter

Chair

7/7/21  
Date:

