

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 30 May 2024

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.33am

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Gaylor (via MS Teams)
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban (from 11.05am, via MS Teams)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ropata (from 9.33am until 10.51am, and from 11.09am)
Councillor Saw
Councillor Woolf

Councillors Gaylor and Laban participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of the quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Council Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Nash

That the Committee accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Laban.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Dr David Tripp, Combined Cycling Submitters, spoke to Agenda Item 9 – Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi: Agreed Transport Objectives.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 11 April 2024 – Report 24.169

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Connelly

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 11 April 2024 - Report 24.169.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the meeting on 11 April 2024 - Report PE24.171

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Ropata

That Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 11 April 2024 – Report PE24.171.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 16 May 2024 - Report 24.237

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Nash

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 16 May 2024 – Report 24.237.

The motion was **carried**.

Strategy, policy or major issues

The Council Chair advised that he was according priority to agenda item 9, in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.2.

7 Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi: Agreed Transport Objectives – Report 24.273 [For Information]

Emma Hope, Senior Strategic Advisor, and Jon Kingsbury, Director of Economy and Development, Hutt City Council, spoke to the report.

8 Analysis of the Revenue and Financing Policy Public Consultation Submissions – Report 24.211

Kyn Drake, Principal Finance Policy Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ponter/ Cr Nash

That Council:

- 1 Considers the submissions on the 2024 Proposed Revenue and Financing Policy.
- 2 Determines that the 2024 Proposed Revenue and Financing Policy be finalised without changes.
- 3 Notes that a finalised Policy will be submitted to Council for adoption on 11 June 2024.

The motion was **carried**.

Cr Staples requested that her vote against the motion be recorded.

9 Consultation on Dangerous Dams Policy 2024 – Report 24.242

Fathima Iftikar, Director Strategy, Policy and Regulation, and Jo Frances, Lead Consenting Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Staples

That Council:

- 1 Approves the proposed Policy on Dangerous Dams, Earthquake-Prone Dams and Flood-Prone Dams 2024 (Attachment 1) and Statement of Proposal (Attachment 2) for consultation under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 2 Authorises the Environment Committee to consider the submissions received on the proposed Policy on Dangerous Dams, Earthquake-Prone Dams and Flood-Prone Dams 2024, and report for Council on any recommended changes for the finalisation and adoption of the policy.

The motion was **carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 10.51am and resumed at 11.05am. Councillor Ropata was not present when the meeting resumed.

Councillor Laban joined the meeting via MS Teams at 11.05am.

10 Waterloo Priority Development Area – Report 24.131

Emmet McElhatton, Manager Policy, and Nathan Briggs, Manager Rail Assets, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Connelly

That the Council:

- 1 Agrees that Greater Wellington proceed with a Phase III of the Waterloo Priority Development Area (PDA) project that is focused on:

- a De-coupling the station rectification works from adjacent development to ensure the maintenance objectives can be achieved, whilst future proofing future development
 - b Finalising *Station* Minimum Requirements
 - c Procuring Waterloo Station Reference Design
 - d Commencing work to enable Detailed Business Cases to be prepared.
 - e Continue to refine options and approaches for the commercial component of the project (the *Development*) for further Council consideration.
- 2 Agrees in principle that replacing the Waterloo Station canopy in a like-for-like manner is not in scope, and that focus be on commissioning a replacement transport hub which can:
- a Fully integrate all public transport services in a single coherent structure which incorporates a bus interchange into the build
 - b Improve customer experience including accessibility
 - c Facilitate adjacent commercial development on Greater Wellington land in the precinct through a TOD-enabling transport hub design
 - d Facilitate urban development in the immediate catchment.
- 3 Agrees that Greater Wellington continues to hold ownership of the land in Waterloo (south-west quadrant of the precinct that includes old Railways Corporation building and carparking spaces) currently ear-marked for the TOD until market conditions improve and a development can be undertaken that will add value to the surrounding area.
- 4 Notes that officers will continue to bring items on the Waterloo PDA project for consideration and decision-making to Council in the 2024/25 Financial Year including direction on the Station Minimum Requirements.

The motion was **carried**.

Cr Kirk-Burnnand requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

Councillor Ropata rejoined the meeting at 11.09am, during the introduction of the above item.

11 Wellington Rapid Transit Bus Corridors – Report 24.229

Tim Shackleton, Senior Manager Commercial, Strategy and Investments, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That Council:

- 1 Notes that on 31 March 2024, Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) was disestablished following the mutual agreement of all three parties -

Greater Wellington Regional Council, Wellington City Council and the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.

- 2 Notes that Greater Wellington has \$88m budgeted within the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 to participate in various roading corridor improvements, planned within the LGWM programme, \$6m of which has been allocated to Travel Choices (making \$82m available).
- 3 Notes that considerable planning has been undertaken to identify bus priority opportunities on Wellington City bus corridors through LGWM 'City Streets' and the Greater Wellington-Wellington City Council 2019 'Bus Priority Action Plan'.
- 4 Notes that the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport specifically identifies the acceleration of work on Wellington's North/South, East/West, and Harbour Quays' bus corridors.
- 5 Notes that bus prioritisation is identified as a priority in the Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-2031.
- 6 Notes that Greater Wellington and Wellington City Council officers have been working together to develop a joint programme of work to deliver bus prioritisation on the North/South and East/West corridors, and other key Wellington City bus routes.
- 7 Notes that the Wellington Rapid Transit Bus Corridors programme includes:
 - a A joint programme of work with Wellington City Council to deliver bus prioritisation on the North/South and East/West corridors, and other key Wellington City bus routes (Joint Programme)
 - b A programme of work led by Greater Wellington to develop and implement a regional rapid transit bus prioritisation strategic plan.
- 8 Notes that the Wellington Rapid Transit Bus Corridors programme has an indicative cost of \$117.8m over the first four years (24/25-28/29), and a total programme cost of \$387.8m over 10 years.
- 9 Notes that Greater Wellington's share of the Wellington Rapid Transit Bus Corridors programme cost over the next four financial years (24/25-28/29), is \$36.8m.
- 10 Notes that the proposed local government funding contribution for the Joint Programme will be equally shared by Greater Wellington and Wellington City Council.
- 11 Notes that the LTP Committee has agreed as part of its deliberations on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 that Council reallocates the \$82m budgeted within the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 for former LGWM projects to the Wellington Rapid Transit Bus Corridors programme.
- 12 Authorises the Chief Executive to enter a formal partnership agreement with Wellington City Council to develop and fund the Joint Programme.

The motion was **carried**.

The Council Chair advised that he was according priority to agenda items 17, 14, 12 and 13, in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.2.

12 Finance Update – April 2024 – Report 24.263 [For Information]

Ali Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk, and Ashwin Pai, Head of Finance, spoke to the report.

13 Addressing the 2023/24 Public Transport Finding Gap – Report 24.190

Ali Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Duthie

That Council:

- 1 Endorses using \$23 million of debt to fund the gap (not already funded by New Zealand Transport Agency - Waka Kotahi) caused by the public transport patronage farebox reduction, being \$8 million more than the budgeted amount of \$15 million. (per 29 June 2023, Report 23.237 - Adoption of the 2023/24 Annual Plan)
- 2 Endorses using \$3.1 million of debt and \$4 million of reserves to fund the gap of \$7.1 million (none funded by New Zealand Transport Agency - Waka Kotahi) caused by the half price fare extension for July 2023 and August 2023 farebox reduction. This was not budgeted. (the reserve \$4 million funding is as discussed on 22 June 2023, Report 23.280 - Implementation of the Government's recent Public Transport Fares Initiative)
- 3 Endorses using \$2.8 million of debt to fund the gap (not already funded by New Zealand Transport Agency - Waka Kotahi) forecasted for the remaining Public Transport deficit for the financial year to 30 June 2024, noting that this was not budgeted.
- 4 Authorises the Chief Executive and Group Manager Finance and Risk, to make changes to the final amount of debt based on actual deficit and funding gap as at 30 June 2024.

The motion was **carried**.

Cr Kirk-Burnnand asked for his vote against the motion to be recorded.

Noted: The Council requested that officers present on the methodologies used for public transport funding at a future workshop.

14 Request to Increase the 2023/24 Delegation to Borrow Money – Report 24.191

Ali Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Bassett

That Council:

- 1 Approves an increase, to \$1.075 million, for the 2023/24 borrowing limit.
- 2 Notes that this increase equates to an additional \$290.3 million to the Long-Term Plan (LTP) budget or an additional \$126.6 million to the Annual Plan 2023/24.

The motion was **carried**.

15 Rebudgeting of Operational and Capital Expenditure from Financial Year 2023/24 to Financial Year 2024/25 – Report 24.257

Ali Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ropata / Cr Saw

That Council:

- 1 **Approves** the operating and capital expenditure items, as outlined in Attachment 1 to be re-budgeted from financial year 2023/24 to financial year 2024/25.

The motion was **carried**.

16 Audit New Zealand’s Report on Council’s 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document – Report 24.258 [For Information]

Zofia Miliszewska, Head of Strategy and Performance, spoke to the report.

17 Greater Wellington’s Quarter Three 2023/24 Summary – Report 24.255

Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Bassett

That Council accepts Greater Wellington’s performance report for the nine months to March 2024 (Greater Wellington’s Quarter Three Summary Report as at 31 March 2024 – Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

Resolution to exclude the public

18 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 24.276

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Ropata

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

Appointment of member to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee – Report PE24.271

Property purchase – Lower Hutt – Report PE24.275

Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of 11 April 2024 – Report RPE24.170

Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of 16 May 2024 – Report RPE24.240

Southern Depot lease arrangement – Report RPE24.250.

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:

Appointment of member to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee – Report PE24.271	
<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 a proposed candidate for appointment to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee (the 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 consideration for appointment as a member of the Committee.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has considered and 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 for this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.</p>
Property purchase – Lower Hutt – Report PE24.275	
<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>The information contained in this report relates to the proposed purchase of a private residential property on terms that have not finally been agreed. Having this part of the</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage,</p>

<p>meeting open to the public could prejudice Greater Wellington's negotiating position in respect to finalising terms of acquisition of the subject property.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this information in the public proceedings of the meeting, that would override this prejudice.</p>	<p>negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>
<p>Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of 11 April 2024 – Report RPE24.170</p>	
<p><i>Reason/s 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 these minutes relates to future rail service procurement and contracting in the Wellington Region. Excluding the public from the proceedings of the meeting is necessary as considering this information in public would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations.</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 for this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act in order to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>
<p>Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of 16 May 2024 – Report RPE24.240</p>	
<p><i>Reason/s 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>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</p> <p>Information contained in this report relates to future rail service procurement and contracting in the Wellington Region. Excluding the public from the proceedings of the meeting is necessary as considering</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>

<p>this information in public would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations.</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>	
Southern Depot lease arrangement – Report RPE24.250	
<p><i>Reason/s 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 a lease arrangement in southern Wellington. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) to carry on negotiations.</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) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or 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 12.35pm.

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

Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date: 11/6/2024

