

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

WELLINGTON REGIONAL STRATEGY FORUM

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building,  
Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt, on  
**Friday 28 July 2006 commencing at 11.30am**

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<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Mr M McCaw (Chairperson)
<b>Greater Wellington Regional Council</b>	Cr I Buchanan                      Cr F Wilde
<b>Hutt City Council</b>	Mayor D Ogden                      Cr J Baird
<b>Kapiti Coast District Council</b>	Mayor A Milne                      Cr G Strachan
<b>Porirua City Council</b>	Mayor J Brash
<b>Upper Hutt City Council</b>	Mayor W Guppy                      Cr P McCardle
<b>Wellington City Council</b>	Mayor K Prendergast
<b>Wairarapa Constituency</b>	Mayor R Francis (Masterton District Council)
<b><u>APOLOGIES:</u></b>	Cr E Murrell (PCC Representative), Cr K Douglas (PCC Alternate), Cr D Ammundsen (KCDC Alternate), Cr A Foster (WCC Representative) and Mr J Rikihana (Ara Tahi) submitted apologies for the meeting.
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	
<b>Project Office</b>	Mr G Spargo, Project Director Ms V McKevitt, Project Administrator
<b>Greater Wellington Regional Council</b>	Cr P Glensor Mr D Benham, Chief Executive Ms J Davis, Divisional Manager, Transport Policy and Strategy Ms N Shorten, Manager, Environment Policy Mr N Corry, Divisional Manager, Environment Management
<b>Hutt City Council</b>	Cr RW Styles Mr R Hart, Chief Executive Ms K Kelly, General Manager Development Services Mr D Kelly, General Manager City Services

Mr T Stallinger, General Manager Business Services  
Ms M Archibald, Adviser  
Mrs JE Stevens, Manager Secretariat Services

<b>Kapiti Coast District Council</b>	Mr M Dacombe, Chief Executive
<b>Masterton District Council</b>	Mr W ten Hove, Chief Executive
<b>Porirua City Council</b>	Dr R Blakeley, Chief Executive Ms S Veart, General Manager Strategic Policy
<b>Upper Hutt City Council</b>	Mr M Pedersen, Chief Executive
<b>Wellington City Council</b>	Mr G Poole, Chief Executive Mr P Desborough, Manager, Strategy Unit Mr E Zöllner, Chief Adviser Strategic and Economic Development
<b>Positively Wellington Business</b>	Mr P Lewin, Chief Executive Ms C van Opdorp, Project Manager
<b>Ara Tahi</b>	Mr I Puketapu

## **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **1. APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. WRSF060701**

*"That the apologies received from Cr E Murrell (PCC Representative), Cr K Douglas (PCC Alternate), Cr D Ammundsen (KCDC Alternate), Cr A Foster (WCC Representative) and Mr J Rikihana (Ara Tahi) be accepted and leave of absence be granted."*

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2005 – circulated pages 1 – 5.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. WRSF060702**

*"That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2005 be confirmed as a true and correct record."*

### **3. WRS GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING STRUCTURES – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**

Circulated pages 6 – 17.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. WRSF060703**

*"That the report be received."*

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. WRSF060704**

*"That the following amendments to the report be noted:*

- (i) Interim Terms of Reference, section 3.1.1, page 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point – replaced by 'The Committee will recommend for ratification by Greater Wellington Regional Council the five non-local government members of the Committee and the EDA Board';*
- (ii) Committee Structure, section 3.1.2, page 8, paragraph 2 – add 'One of the non-local government appointees must be able to represent the interests of Maori'; and*
- (iii) Committee Terms of Reference and Protocols to be recorded, section 3.1.3, page 9, Multi-Lateral Agreement - add 'The multi-lateral agreement will be subject to at least three yearly review and linked to the triennial agreement'."*

Mayor Guppy and Cr McCardle requested that their dissenting votes be recorded.

The possibility of dissenting votes by Mayors on funding issues was raised and left for consideration during the consultation phase.

#### **4. REPORT OF THE PROJECT DIRECTOR**

Report No. WRSF2006/07 by Graham Spargo (Project Director) – circulated pages 18 – 21.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. WRSF060705**

*"That:*

- (i) the WRS Forum endorses development of a 'statement of proposal' under the Local Government Act by Greater Wellington Regional Council to establish a WRS Committee to oversee the Wellington Regional Strategy in accordance with the recommended approach specified in the 'WRS Governance and Funding Structures – Supplementary Report' dated 20 July 2006 as amended;*
- (ii) the Greater Wellington Regional Council be requested to undertake the necessary steps on behalf of, and with the support of, local government in the Wellington region for the finalisation, implementation, funding, monitoring and review of the Wellington Regional Strategy via a WRS Committee subject to:*
  - (a) the Chief Executives bringing back within two weeks information on the scope of activities and the range of quantum of money (with an upper and lower limit) to include consultation with existing delivery agencies;*
  - (b) parameters for future growth of budget; and*
  - (c) parameters for allocation; and*

- (d) *these elements being included in the Memorandum of Understanding and provided as guidance to the standing committee for consultation purposes (after consultation those elements will be transferred into the final multi-lateral agreement noting the potential role of the triennial agreement);*
- (iii) *the WRS Forum formally advises the member councils and stakeholders of its decision as to the chosen means for progressing the Wellington Regional Strategy; and*
- (iv) *the Interim Terms of Reference, section 3.1.1 on page 8 of the report entitled 'WRS Governance and Funding Structures – Supplementary Report' dated 20 July 2006, as amended above, be adopted as the basis of a Memorandum of Understanding between the member councils."*

Mayor Guppy and Cr McCardle requested that their dissenting votes be recorded.

Members noted that each council would have an opportunity to discuss the governance structure and its appointment to the WRS Committee, and that the WRS Forum would conclude its operation once the committee is confirmed and operational, with at least one further meeting of the WRS Forum occurring on 31 August 2006. Members also noted that New Zealand Trade & Enterprise funding for the 2006/2007 year via a PWB application is confirmed to support transitional arrangements to progress WRS finalisation and implementation.

The Project Director tabled a letter from the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce regarding the world class centres of excellence proposal, and members noted the support received.

Responding to questions from members, the Chairperson confirmed that the objectives of strategic partners where appropriate would be considered before the Wellington Regional Strategy document is completed.

## **5. QUESTIONS**

Mr Puketapu asked about Ara Tahi representation and uncertainties in the risk strategy, in particular what happens when the oil tanker stops coming.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11.50am.

**Mr M McCaw**  
**CHAIRPERSON**