



Report 10.102

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Minutes of the public part of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 4 March 2010 at 9.32 am

Present

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Aitken, Baber, Bruce, Buchanan, Burke, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Kirton (9.33 -11.04 am, items 494 – 501), Laidlaw, Lamason, and Wilson.

495 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

496 **Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Councillor Burke declared a possible conflict of interest in Item 499:
Proposed insulation and clean heating retrofit scheme.

497 **Public Participation**

Tony Randle spoke on item 500: *Annual fare review.*

498 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved

(Cr Kirton /Cr Greig)

That the Council confirms the public and public excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 4 February 2010, Report 10.20 and Report PE 10.21.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

499 **Proposed insulation and clean heating retrofit scheme**

Barry Turfrey, Chief Financial Officer, Mike Underhill, Chief Executive Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA), introduced the report.

Report 10.77

File: CFO/24/05/01

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Approves Greater Wellington entering into the contracts with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA), ratepayers and approved service providers for its Warm Greater Wellington scheme as outlined in this report.*
4. *Authorises the Chief Financial Officer or the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contracts with EECA and approved service providers.*
5. *Authorises the Chief Financial Officer or Manager, Finance and Support to sign the ratepayers' contracts.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

500 **Annual fare review**

Brian Baxter, Manager Design and Development, introduced the report.

Report 10.85

File: TD/07/06/07

Moved

(Cr Glensor/Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that the Council 10-year Plan 2009-19 assumes a fare review increase of 3% per annum from 2010/11 onwards.*
4. *Notes that farebox recovery levels are predicted to fall below the Council target level of 45 -50 % within the next two years.*

5. *Agrees that fares be increased from September 2010 to generate a revenue increase of 3% subject to satisfactory agreement of contractual terms with operators which see the financial benefits of the fare increase flowing to the Council.*
6. *Agrees that the preferred fare increase scenario set out in this report be the starting point for discussion with operators, but acknowledge that all options remain open at this time.*
7. *Notes that reports on progress with operator discussions will be reported back to the Transport and Access Committee.*
8. *Notes that consultation on the proposed fare revenue increase will occur with the public as part of the preparation of the Council Annual Plan and the increase cannot be confirmed until the completion of the Annual Plan.*

Moved as amendment 1

(Cr Bruce/Cr Wilson)

That the Council maintains the city section cash fare at one dollar (gold coin).

The amendment was **LOST**.

Moved as amendment 2

(Cr Bruce/Cr Aitken)

That the Council instructs operators not to give change on cash fares (i.e. correct fare to be tendered).

The amendment was **LOST**.

Moved as amendment 3

(Cr Bruce/Cr Wilson)

9. *Encourages city businesses and the Wellington City Council to use the downtown parking levy to subsidise or provide free weekend inner city public transport services.*

The amendment was **CARRIED** and became part of the substantive motion, which was **CARRIED**.

The meeting was adjourned for morning tea between 10.31 am and 10.49 am.

501 **Proposal to establish Creative HQ controlled organisation**

Report 10.88

File: WRS/09/01/01

David Benham, Chief Executive, and Barry Turfrey, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the report.

Moved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report*
3. *Agrees to carry out a full consultative procedure on the proposal to establish a Council Controlled Organisation for Creative HQ.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

502 **Proposed 2010/11 Annual Plan**

Report 10.62

File: CFO/07/06/14

Moved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Baber)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the Council's Proposed 2010/11 Annual Plan and summary document to be released in conjunction with the release of the proposal to establish Creative HQ Ltd subject to any changes the Council may identify.*
4. *Resolves to operate a non balanced budget having given consideration to matters raised in section 100 of the Act.*
5. *Approves the Proposed Communications & Community Engagement Strategy in Attachment 3.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

503 **Financial report for the six months ending 31 December 2009**

Report 10.37

File: CFO/13/02/01

Moved

(Cr Wilson/Cr Lamason)

That the Council

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

504 **WRC Holdings Group 2010/11 draft Statement of Intent**

Report 10.67

File: CFO/09/02/01

Moved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Burke)

That the Council

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Receives the draft Statement of Intent of WRC Holdings Group for 2010/11, and forwards any comments or recommendations to the Directors of WRC Holdings Ltd for their consideration.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

505 **2010 triennial elections**

Report 10.75

File: E/09/17/06

Moved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Baber)

That the Council

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the timetable for the 2010 triennial local authority elections*
3. *Agrees that the names of the Wellington Regional Council candidates at the 2010 local authority elections are to be arranged on the voting paper in alphabetical order of surname.*

4. *Agrees that the voting documents received by constituent territorial authorities in the Wellington Region in respect of the Wellington Regional Council's 2010 triennial election be processed during the voting period.*
5. *Agrees to advise territorial authorities in the Wellington region that its preferred method of voting is postal voting.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

506 **Report on the Transport and Access Committee Meeting held on 9 February 2010**

Report 10.56

File: E/06/29/03

Moved

(Cr Glensor/Cr Burke)

That the Council

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

507 **Report on the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2010**

Report 10.60

File: TP/01/02/02

Moved

(Cr Wilde/Glensor)

That the Council

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

508 **Report on the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 11 February 2010**

Report 10.36

File: CFO/13/02/01

Moved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Donaldson)

That the Council

1. *Receives the report.*

2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

509 **Report on the Regional Sustainability Committee meeting held on 11 February 2010**

Report 10.55

File: E/06/32/03

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)

That the Council

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

510 **Report on the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting held on 25 February 2010**

Report 10.87

File: WRS/09/01/01

Moved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Glensor)

That the Council

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

511 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 10.61

Moved

(Cr Greig/Cr Baber)

That the Council

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

1. *Appointment to the Greater Wellington Disability Reference Group.*

2. *Restricted public excluded minutes from the 17 February 2010 meeting of the Chief Executive Statutory Performance Review Committee.*
3. *Chief Executive Statutory Performance Review.*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing these resolutions 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 these resolutions are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
1. <i>Appointment to the Greater Wellington Disability Reference Group.</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to the appointment of a member to the Greater Wellington Disability Reference Group. Release of this information would prejudice their privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered, and have expressed interest in becoming a member of the Greater Wellington Disability Reference Group. 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 this prejudice.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the 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 section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).</i>

2. *Consideration of matters relating to the statutory performance review of the Chief Executive* *The information contained in this report contains information relating to the Chief Executive's statutory performance review. Release of this information would prejudice David Benham's privacy by disclosing details of Council's statutory review of his performance. 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 his privacy.* *That the public conduct of the whole or the 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 section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).*
3. *Chief Executive Statutory Performance Review* *The information contained in this report contains information relating to the Chief Executive's statutory performance review. Release of this information would prejudice David Benham's privacy by disclosing details of Council's statutory review of his performance. 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 his privacy.* *That the public conduct of the whole or the 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 section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons)*

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.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

Cr FH WILDE
Chair

Date