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**Report 14.154** 

19/03/2014 File: E/12/01/03

Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Harbour Quays, Wellington, on Wednesday, 19 March 2014 at 9.28am

### **Present**

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Aitken, Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Greig, Kedgley, Laban, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee and Swain.

# **Public Business**

1 Apologies

Moved (Cr Wilde/ Cr Brash)

That the Council accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Wilson.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

#### 2 Conflict of Interest declarations

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

## **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

# Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

## 4 Draft Regional Public Transport Plan for public consultation

Tass Larsen, Manager, Projects and Planning and Wayne Hastie, General Manager, Public Transport spoke to the report.

**Report 14.132** File: TD/02/10/06

Moved (Cr Swain/ Cr Brash)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Notes the content of the report.
- 3. Agrees that the matters in the report will lead to the Council making a decision with a high degree of significance.
- 4. Notes that the draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 includes options for the bus fleet configuration for the Wellington City bus network for public consultation.
- 5. Approves the draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 (as set out in Attachments 1 and 2) for public consultation, subject to any changes agreed at the meeting.
- 6. Delegates to the Chair the ability to make minor editorial changes prior to publication to correct errors and improve public understanding.
- 7. Notes the submission period from 4 April to 9 May 2014, and the proposed public engagement activities.
- 8. Notes that submissions on the draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 will be heard concurrently with submissions on the draft Annual Plan by the Annual Plan Hearings Committee.

Moved as an amendment

(Cr Kedgley/ Cr Bruce)

Agrees that trolley buses will not be replaced until zero emission replacements have been selected.

A division was called for, the result of which was 2 votes in favour of the amendment and 10 votes against the amendment.

The amendment was **LOST**.

Councillors Bruce and Kedgley requested that their votes for the amendment be recorded.

Councillors Aitken, Donaldson and Lamason requested that their votes against the amendment be recorded.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

Councillor Bruce requested that his abstention from voting be recorded.

Noted: The Council thanked officers for their work on the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan.

# **Corporate**

## 5 WRC Holdings Group Ltd 2014/15 draft Statement of Intent

Mike Timmer, Treasurer, spoke to the report.

**Report 14.101** File: CFO/09/02/01

Moved (Cr Lamason/ Cr Aitken)

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 2014/15 and forwards any comments or recommendations to the directors of WRC Holdings Ltd for their consideration.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**Noted:** No comments or recommendations were identified for forwarding to the directors of WRC Holdings Ltd.

6 Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) half year report – 31 December 2013

Mike Timmer, Treasurer, spoke to the report.

**Report 14.135** File: CFO/06/03/01

Moved (Cr Aitken/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

#### 7 **Exclusion of the public**

**Report 14.140** File: E/12/01/04

Moved (Cr Wilde/ Cr Aitken)

That the Council:

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

- Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River floodplain Management Subcommittee Membership 1.
- 2. Appointments to the Accessibility Reference Group
- 3. Forestry tenders decision

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

# General subject of Reason for passing this resolution each matter to be in relation to each matter considered:

Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

Ruamāhanga River floodplain Management Subcommittee Membership

1. Te Kāuru Upper The information contained in this report relates to the proposed appointment of members to the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee. Release of this information would prejudice the proposed members' privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered. and have expressed interest, in becoming a member of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee. Wellington Greater Regional Council 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 privacy of the individuals

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 goodreason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons).

#### concerned.

2. Appointments to the Accessibility Reference Group

The information contained in this report relates to the appointment of to the Accessibility Reference Group. Release of this information would prejudice the privacy of the persons proposed for appointment by disclosing the fact that they have expressed interest in, and are being considered for, appointment to the Group. Greater Wellington Regional Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override their 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 sections 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons).

3. Forestry tenders decision

Certain information contained in this report relates to potential sale of forestry cutting rights. Release of this information would be likely to harm the negotiating position of the Greater Wellington Regional Council as it proceeds to the final stage of the tender process. If exposed to the market it would adversely affect Greater Wellington Regional Council's capacity to negotiate an outcome most advantageous for ratepayers. Wellington Greater Regional Council 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.

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 withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to enable GWRC to carry out, prejudice without or disadvantage, negotiations).

2. Permit Nicola Daly, DLA Phillips Fox, to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of her knowledge relating to the potential sale of forestry cutting rights. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because it is the subject of the report.

- 3. Permit David Morgan, Deloittes, to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of his knowledge relating to the potential sale of forestry cutting rights. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because it is the subject of the report.
- 4. Permit Murray Kennedy, Business Consultant, to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of his knowledge relating to the potential sale of forestry cutting rights. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because it is the subject of the report.

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 10.49am.

The Council adjourned for morning tea at 10.49am and reconvened at 11.02am to deal with the items of public excluded business.

FH Wilde (Chair)

Date: