



Confirmed public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 11 June 2020

All members participating by Zoom at 1.30pm.

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 (from 1.35pm)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor van Lier

All members participated at this meeting via Zoom, and counted for the purpose of quorum, in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Public Business

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

Tony Randle spoke to agenda item 6 – Draft Annual Plan 2020/21.

Cr Lamason joined the meeting at 1.35pm, during public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of 21 May 2020 – Report 20.149

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Staples

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting 21 May 2020 – Report 20.149.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 21 May 2020 – Report PE20.150

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Lee

That the Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting 21 May 2020 – Report PE20.150.

The motion was **carried**.

Strategy, policy or major issues

6 Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 – Report 20.163

Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, and Alan Bird, outgoing Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Blakeley/ Nash

That the Council:

- 1 Agrees to a rates increase for 2020/21 of an average of 3 percent for the Wellington Region (Option 1 – Preferred; paragraphs 29 to 37).
- 2 Agrees the content of the draft Annual Plan 2020/21 (Attachment 1), subject to any changes made at this meeting.
- 3 Notes the final Annual Plan 2020/21 and the related resolutions on rates and charges for 2020/21 will be presented to the 25 June 2020 Council meeting for formal adoption.
- 4 Notes that public consultation is not required on the Annual Plan 2020/21 under Option 1 as no significant or material changes have been proposed from Greater Wellington's Long Term Plan 2018-28.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Review of Council's Revenue and Financing Policy – Report 20.189

Alan Bird, outgoing Chief Financial Officer spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Cr Lamason / Cr Brash

That the Council:

- 1 Notes that Council's Revenue and Financing Policy had a major review in 2018.
- 2 Notes that an additional benefit analysis so soon afterwards is unlikely to result in a significantly different outcome.
- 3 Agrees to a substantive review of the Revenue and Financing Policy in 2023.

The motion was **carried**.

Governance

8 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting 21 August 2020: attendance and proposed remit – Report 20.190

Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Connelly

That the Council:

- 1 Approves the attendance of Councillors Staples, Blakeley and Nash, and Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, at the 2020 LGNZ AGM.
- 2 Nominates Councillor Staples as the Presiding Delegate for voting on behalf of the Council at the 2020 LGNZ AGM.
- 3 Nominates Councillors Blakeley, and Nash, and Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, as Alternate Delegates for voting on behalf of the Council at the 2020 LGNZ AGM if Councillor Staples is absent from the AGM.
- 4 Adopts the proposed remit (Attachment 1) to proceed to LGNZ for inclusion in LGNZ's AGM on 21 August 2020.
- 5 Notes that the proposed remit has the subject of the LGNZ Regional Sector Group.

The motion was **carried**.

Corporate

9 Proposed change to the Local Government Funding Agency's debt to revenue covenants – Report 20.168

Samantha Gain, General Manager Corporate Services, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council:

- 1 Agrees with the Local Government Funding Agency's proposal to increase the net debt / total revenue ratio from 250 percent to 280 percent.
- 2 Appoints Samantha Gain, General Manager Corporate Services, as proxy to vote on behalf of the Council at the Local Government Funding Agency's Special General Meeting on 30 June 2020, with Seán Mahoney, Manager Company Portfolio, as alternate.

The motion was carried.

Resolution to exclude the public

10 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 20.174

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Brash

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

Appointments to Public Transport Advisory Group

Chief Executive performance indicators for 2020/21

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 to Public Transport Advisory Group	
<i>Reason 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. Withholding this information prior to Council's decision is necessary to protect the privacy of that natural person, as releasing the information would disclose their consideration for appointment as a member of the Public Transport Advisory Group.</p> <p>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.</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>

Chief Executive performance indicators for 2020/21	
<i>Reason 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>This report contains information relating to the current Chief Executive's performance agreement. Release of this information would prejudice the privacy of Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, by disclosing information pertaining to the employment relationship between the Chief Executive and the Council.</p> <p>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 Mr Campbell's privacy.</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>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) 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 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 2.45pm.



Councillor D Ponter
Chair

Date:

