

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Council meeting on 17 March 2022.

Report 22.75

Public minutes of the Council meeting on 24 February 2022

All members participating remotely at 9.30 am.

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor van Lier (until 10am, from 10.01am)

All members participated at this meeting remotely, and counted for the purpose of quorum, as per 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 Nash / Cr Gaylor

That the Council accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Kirk-Burnnand.

The motion was **carried**.

The Chair advised the meeting that agenda item 7 - Public Transport annual fares review – Report 22.23 - has been withdrawn from the agenda and that officers will present a revised report to Council at its meeting on 17 March 2022.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

Councillor van Lier declared a conflict of interest with regard to item agenda item 9 - Plan Changes 2022: Regional Policy Statement Change 1 Issues Statements and Objectives; Programme Update – Report 22.49.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 16 December 2021 - Report 21.596

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr van Lier

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 16 December 2021 - Report 21.596.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Emergency Council meeting of 21 December 2021 - Report 21.601

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Nash

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 16 December 2021 - Report 21.606

The motion was **carried**.

Strategy, policy, or major issues

6 Let's Get Wellington Moving – Thorndon Quay Hutt Road single stage business case – Report 21.606

Dave Humm, Partner Leader, Let's Get Wellington Moving, introduced the report. Luke Troy, General Manager, Strategy, Gunther Wild, Programme Director, Let's Get Wellington Moving and Hannah Hyde, Project Manager, Let's Get Wellington Moving, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Brash

That the Council:

- 1 Approves the Let's Get Wellington Moving – Thorndon Quay Hutt Road Single Stage Business Case provided in Attachment 1 to this report.
- 2 Notes that Greater Wellington is not required to contribute funding to undertake the work in the next phase (pre-implementation) under the current Let's Get Wellington Moving Relationship and Funding Agreement.

- 3 Notes upgrades to bus stop infrastructure is currently excluded from project scope and cost estimates; any upgrade opportunities identified during the detailed design phase will be funded through either existing Metlink bus infrastructure budgets or provided for in the annual plan.
- 4 Notes that the business case has been developed with involvement from Greater Wellington officers and has been subject to the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency investment quality assurance process and an independent technical peer review process.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Council requested that further clarification of the project maps is outlined at the joint Let's Get Wellington Moving workshop on 3 March 2022.

7 Wellington Railway Station – Report 22.64 [For Information]

Fiona Abbott, Manager, Assets and Infrastructure, spoke to the report.

Councillor van Lier left the meeting at 10.00am, at the conclusion of the above agenda item.

8 Plan Changes 2022: Regional Policy Statement Change 1 Issues Statements and Objectives; Programme Update – Report 22.49

Al Cross, General Manager, Environment Management, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Gaylor

That the Council:

- 1 Endorses the draft issue statements and objectives for RPS Change 1 outlined in this report for the following topics: overarching / integrated management, climate change, indigenous ecosystems, urban development, and Te Mana o Te Wai, noting that they are likely to continue to evolve during the policy development phase.
- 2 Agrees that officers work jointly with Mana Whenua on amending the Tangata Whenua chapter.
- 3 Notes that the RPS Change 1 and NRP Changes 1, 2, and 3 are progressing towards August 2022 notification.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor van Lier returned to the meeting at 10.01am, at the conclusion of the above agenda item.

9 Low Carbon Acceleration Fund Review – Report 22.66

Lisa Early, Team Leader, Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Blakeley

That the Council:

- 1 Agrees to:

- a expand the total amount of funding under the LCAF to reflect the increasing value of Council's free allocation New Zealand Units.
 - b limit the funding to no more than 70 percent of the present value of the Council's 255,660 free allocation New Zealand Units that underpin the LCAF across all LCAF projects, past and present, determined by the current New Zealand Unit spot price at the time of funding decisions.
 - c pause further consideration of allocations of funds from the LCAF if the spot price of New Zealand Units drops, causing the current allocation of LCAF funding to exceed the 70% threshold.
- 2 Agrees that a provision for borrowing to support the expansion of the LCAF be included in the 2022-23 draft annual plan.
 - 3 Agrees to expand the eligibility criteria of the LCAF to permit bids from Wellington Regional Stadium Trust (Option 1), noting that bids from within the Council will have priority.
 - 4 Notes that none of the other criteria or decision-making processes for the LCAF are changed from what was previously agreed by Council, apart from the change described in recommendation 3.

The motion was **carried**.

Governance

10 2022 triennial elections – Report 22.31

Francis Ryan, Manager, Democratic Services, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Connelly

That the Council:

- 1 Notes the timetable for the 2022 triennial local authority elections (Attachment 1).
- 2 Agrees that the names of the Wellington Regional Council candidates at the 2022 triennial local authority elections and any subsequent by-elections are to be arranged on the voting paper in random order.

The motion was **carried**.

11 Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting, 3 December 2021– 22.1 [For Information]

Corporate

12 Greater Wellington's Quarter Two summary report – Report 22.60

Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Staples

That the Council accepts Greater Wellington's performance report for the six months to 31 December 2021 (Greater Wellington's Quarter Two Summary Report as at 31 December 2021) (Attachment 1)).

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Councillors requested that they be provided with information regarding Mataranga Māori.

13 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 22.69

Moved: Cr Hughes / Cr Connelly

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

Public Excluded minutes of the Council Meeting on 16 December 2021 – Report PE21.599

National Ticketing Solution Interim Option – Report PE22.10

Appointment to the Upper Ruamahanga River Management Advisory Committee – Waipoua Urban – Report PE22.28

Interim Chief Executive Performance Review for 2021/22 – Report RPE22.26

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:

Public Excluded minutes of the Council Meeting on 16 December 2021 – Report PE21.599	
<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>
Certain information contained in these minutes relates to the award of a contract for the delivery of the Kaitoke Flume Bridge seismic upgrade project and information relevant to the pricing of the contract. Release of this information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of Wellington Water Limited. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting	The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(b)(ii) as the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information.

that would override the need to withhold the information.	
National Ticketing Solution Interim Option – Report PE22.10	
<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>
<p>Certain information contained in this report relates to interim ticketing procurement and contracting in the Wellington Region. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations with its ticketing provider for the Metlink public transport network. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this 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) of the Act (to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).</p>
Appointment to the Upper Ruamahanga River Management Advisory Committee – Waipoua Urban – Report PE22.28	
<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. Release of this information prior to Council’s decision is likely to prejudice the privacy of natural persons as releasing this information would disclose their consideration for appointment as a member of the Upper Ruamahanga River Management Advisory Committee. 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)(a) of the Act (to protect the privacy of natural persons).</p>

Interim Chief Executive Performance Review for 2021/22 – Report RPE22.26	
<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>The information contained in this report relates to the Chief Executive’s performance for 2021/22. Release of this information would prejudice Nigel Corry’s privacy by disclosing details of his performance agreement with the Council.</p> <p>Greater Wellington Regional Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring the disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting would override his 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).</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 10.30am.

Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date: