

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 20 August 2020

All members participating by Zoom at 10.00am

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor (from 10.16am)
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban (until 11.09am)
Councillor Lamason (from 10.03am)
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

Moved: Cr Brash/ Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council accepts the apology from Councillor Blakeley.

The motion was **carried**.

The Chairperson advised that an item not on the agenda for the meeting - COVID-19: Public Transport Response – Update – would be discussed after agenda item 7, in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.6.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 25 June 2020 – Report 20.226

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 25 June 2020 – Report 20.226.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 25 June 2020 – Report PE20.227

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Hughes

That the Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 25 June 2020 – Report PE20.227.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Cr Lamason joined the meeting at 10.03am, during the consideration of the above agenda item.

6 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting on 9 July 2020 – Report 20.234

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr van Lier

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting on 9 July 2020 – Report 20.234.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Update on progress of action items from previous council meetings – August 2020 – Report 20.230 [For information]

Strategy/Policy/ Major Issues

8 COVID-19: Public Transport response – update [for information]

Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report.

9 Disposal of property and land at Belmont Regional Park – Report 20.235

Amanda Cox, Manager, Parks, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Brash

That the Council:

- 1 Notes report on the sale process for the former shepherds' houses.

- 2 Approves a pause in the sale process until the conclusion of the Parks Network Plan review.
- 3 Notes that this decision represents a change from a previous Council resolution made on 13 December 2017.

The motion was **carried**.

10 Three Waters Reform – Programme Innovation Package – Report 20.283

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

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Brash

That the Council:

- 1 Agrees to enter into the MOU with the Crown (Attachment 1).
- 2 Agrees in principle, the proposed regional allocation of funding from the Crown (Attachment 2), and the proposed Delivery Plan (Attachment 3).
- 3 Delegates to the Chief Executive the power to finalise the Delivery Plan and enter into the Funding Agreement (Attachment 4).
- 4 Notes that the MoU and Funding Agreement cannot be amended or modified by either party, and doing so would void these documents.
- 5 Notes that planning assumptions for the Long Term Plan will include water assets held by Council as business as usual.
- 6 Agrees to sign the MoU on the basis that any future water supply model ensures that water supply entities remain in public ownership.

Moved as an amendment: Cr Nash / Cr Lamason

That part 5 of the motion be amended to the following: “Notes that planning assumptions for the Long Term Plan will include water assets held by Council as business as usual, and that any changes to the water supply model will be done in consultation with the public.”

The amendment was **carried** and became part of the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put:

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- 4 Notes that the MoU and Funding Agreement cannot be amended or modified by either party, and doing so would void these documents.

- 5 Notes that planning assumptions for the Long Term Plan will include water assets held by Council as business as usual, and that any changes to the water supply model will be done in consultation with the public.
- 6 Agrees to sign the MoU on the basis that any future water supply model ensures that water supply entities remain in public ownership.

The motion was **carried**.

11 Adoption of Rates Postponement Policy – Report 20.297

Tony Stallinger, interim Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council:

- 1 Notes the results of consultation on Council's draft Rates Postponement Policy.
- 2 Adopts the Rates Postponement Policy (Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

Governance

12 Chief Executive recruitment process – Report 20.247

Councillor Hughes, Chair Chief Executive Employment Review Committee, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Hughes / Cr Lamason

That the Council approves the recruitment strategy, process and timeline set out in the proposed Chief Executive Recruitment Strategy (Attachment 1) and timeline (Attachment 2).

The motion was **carried**.

13 Electoral system for 2022 and 2025 local government triennial election – Report 20.258

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

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Nash

That the Council:

Choice of electoral system

- 1 Notes the report (in which case the Single Transferable Vote electoral system continues).

Poll of electors

- 2 Notes that Council can decide (by 21 February 2021) that a binding poll of electors is held on a proposal that a specified electoral system be used for local government triennial elections in 2022 and 2025.

- 3 Notes the statutory poll provisions.
- 4 Notes that public notice will be given by 19 September 2020 of electors' right to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used for future local government triennial elections.

The motion was **carried**.

14 Revised terms of reference for the Regional Transport Committee – Report 20.291

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

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council:

- 1 Notes that new section 105A of the Land Transport Management Act 2013, which provides for KiwiRail's representation on regional transport committees, took effect from 1 July 2020.
- 2 Adopts the revised Terms of Reference for the Regional Transport Committee (Attachment 1) to give effect to new section 105A.

The motion was **carried**.

15 Regional Transport Committee meeting – 3 August 2020 – Report 20.276 [For information]

16 Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting – 7 August 2020 – Report 20.286 [For information]

Corporate

17 Health, Safety and Wellbeing update – July 2020 – Report 20.282 [For information]

Julie Barber, Manager, Health, Safety and Wellbeing, spoke to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11.09am and resumed at 11.21am. Cr Laban departed the meeting at 11.09am.

18 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 20.299

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Connelly

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

Project NEXT Participation Agreement (Part 1) – Report PE20.287

Appointment of director to WRC Holdings Limited – Report PE20.300

Appointment to Farming Reference Group – Report PE20.255

Appointments to Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee – Report PE20.293

Appointment to Upper Ruamahanga River Management Advisory Committee – Report PE20.232

Appointment of Chair to Lower Ruamahanga Valley Flood Management Committee – Report PE20.250

Chief Executive performance review for 2019/20 – Report RPE20.245

Chief Executive remuneration review for 2019/20 – Report RPE20.44

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:

Project NEXT Participation Agreement (Part 1) – Report PE20.287	
<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 relates to negotiations with Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (“Waka Kotahi”) and other public transport authorities (“PTAs”) in New Zealand. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Council to carry on negotiations with Waka Kotahi and the PTAs. In addition, information in the report relates to procurement processes for a ticketing solution provider and associated financial service providers that are underway. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Waka Kotahi and the PTAs (including Council) to carry on negotiations with parties participating in the procurement processes.</p> <p>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)(i) of the Act (to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)).</p>
Appointment of director to WRC Holdings Limited – Report PE20.300	
<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 proposed candidates for appointment. Release of this information prior to Council’s decision is likely to prejudice the privacy of natural persons as releasing this 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>

<p>would disclose their consideration for appointment as a director of WRC Holdings Limited.</p> <p>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>Appointment to Farming Reference Group – Report PE20.255</p>	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<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 to the Farming Reference Group.</p> <p>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, including that of deceased natural persons).</p>
<p>Appointments to Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee – Report PE20.293</p>	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>Information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about proposed candidates 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 members to Whaitua Te</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>

<p>Whanganui-a-Tara Committee.</p> <p>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>Appointment to Upper Ruamahanga River Management Advisory Committee – Report PE20.232</p>	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>Information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about proposed candidates 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 members of the Upper Ruamahanga River Management Advisory Committee.</p> <p>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, including that of deceased natural persons).</p>
<p>Appointment of Chair to Lower Ruamahanga Valley Flood Management Committee – Report PE20.250</p>	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>Information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about the 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 chair</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>

<p>of the Lower Ruamāhanga Valley Floodplain Management Advisory Committee.</p> <p>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>Chief Executive performance review for 2019/20 – Report RPE20.245</p>	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>This report contains information relating to the current Chief Executive’s full year performance review. 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>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 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>
<p>Chief Executive remuneration review for 2019/20 – Report RPE20.244</p>	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>This report contains information relating to the current Chief Executive’s full year remuneration review. 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>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular 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>

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The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 11.21am.



Councillor D Ponter
Chair

Date:

