

## **Confirmed Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting on Tuesday 19 October 2021**

All members participating remotely, at 9.30am.

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### **Members Present**

Councillor Nash (Chair)  
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Brash  
Councillor Gaylor  
Councillor Kirk-Burnand  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor van Lier  
Dr Maria Bargh

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 Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

### **Public Business**

#### **1 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

#### **2 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

#### **3 Public participation**

There was no public participation.

#### **4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting on 17 August 2021 - Report 21.377**

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting on 17 August 2021 - Report 21.377

The motion was **carried**.

**5 Update on Progress of Action Items from Previous Climate Committee meetings – October 2021 – Report 21.389** [For Information]

Jake Gilmer, Manager, Strategic and Corporate Planning, spoke to the report.

**6 Climate Emergency Response Programme Status Update – Report 21.464** [For Information]

Jake Roos, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

**7 Flood Protection Climate Change Policy and Approach – Report 21.200**

Francie Morrow, Project Manager, Floodplain Management Plans, and Andy Brown, Team Leader, Investigations, Strategy and Planning, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Lee

That the Committee:

- 1 Endorses the updated Flood Protection climate change policy (Attachment 1) being:

*The Flood Protection department will plan for climate change in assessing the degree of flood hazard risk, and in determining an appropriate response, using the latest guidance from the Ministry for the Environment.*

- a A 100-year future climate horizon will be used.*
- b For extreme rainfall events, this will be undertaken on a catchment-by-catchment basis and use the Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 6.0 scenario as a minimum. The RCP 8.5 scenario will also be assessed and used when related to guidance to others or the design of works that protect assets of high community importance (e.g. the location of a new hospital or protection of large populations). These RCP scenarios are currently estimated to result in a 20-30% increase in rainfall for the larger catchments we manage.*
- c Sea level rise associated with the RCP 8.5 H+ scenario will be used. This is assessed as approximately 1.35m rise in sea level over the 100 year climate change horizon.*

- 2 Recommends the Flood Protection climate change policy is adopted by Council.

The motion was **carried**.

**Noted:** The Committee requested that officers investigate the interaction between climate change policy and planning policies with the Wellington Region's territorial authorities.

The meeting adjourned at 10.41am and resumed at 11am. Councillor Laban did not return to the meeting when the meeting resumed.

## **8 Low Carbon Acceleration Fund Update – Report 21.467 [For Information]**

Jake Roos, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

**Noted:** The Committee requested:

- That officers undertake a review of the current spending on projects and report on progress made on committed projects.
- A report on the future of the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund, including opportunities to provide funding for projects.

## **9 Carbon Footprint System – Report 21.479 [For Information]**

Ben Barrett, Corporate Sustainability Advisor, spoke to the report and the presentation.

## **10 Update on Forum and Leadership Committee – Oral Report**

Councillor Nash, Committee Chair, updated the Committee on the Wellington Region Climate Change Forum (WRCCF) and its work with the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee (WRLC).

The Minister for Climate Change, the Hon. James Shaw, briefed the WRCCF on the upcoming work on emissions reduction strategies, and the proposed Strategic Planning Act and Climate Adaptation Act.

Councillor Nash briefed the WRLC on the work of the WRCCF. The WRLC has senior representatives from the Wellington Region and Horowhenua District area on it, and provides for opportunities to consider climate adaptation and mitigation. The WRLC Chair Hon. Tracey Martin and Councillor Nash wrote to the Climate Change Minister to update him on the climate change work being done in the Wellington Region.

Councillor Nash advised the Committee that the Government's Emissions Reduction Plan is open for consultation. There are positive signs for Greater Wellington, specifically for transport, with a focus on transport equity, fares, commuter rail, and delivering Let's Get Wellington Moving.

The Committee Chair welcomed Lisa Early, Team Leader Climate Change to Greater Wellington and the Climate Committee.

The Committee Chair advised that this was Dr Bargh's final meeting, and acknowledged her contributions to the Committee. The Committee Chair presented Dr Bargh with a letter from the Council Chair, thanking her for her contribution and specifically mentioned Dr Bargh's insights on incorporating Te Tiriti o Waitangi and te ao Māori into climate work.

## **Karakia whakamutunga**

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 12.02pm.

Councillor T Nash

Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'TN', written over the word 'Chair'.

Date: 10 MAY 2022