

Confirmed Public minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting on 5 December 2023

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.06am

Members Present

Councils

Mayor Anita Baker	Porirua City Council
Mayor Campbell Barry	Hutt City Council
Mayor Gary Caffell	Masterton District Council
Mayor Martin Connelly (until 9.59am)	South Wairarapa District Council
Mayor Wayne Guppy	Upper Hutt City Council
Mayor Janet Holborow (from 9.16am)	Kāpiti Coast District Council
Hon. Mayor Ron Mark	Carterton District Council
Council Chair Daran Ponter	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Tory Whanau	Wellington City Council

Iwi organisations

Darrin Apanui	Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust
Denise Hapeta (from 9.39am)	Te Rūnanga o Raukawa
Helmut Modlik	Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc
Huia Puketapu (from 9.11am)	Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust

Mayor Barry participated at this meeting remotely via MS Teams and counted for the purposes of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Darrin Apanui, as Deputy Chair, presided at the meeting in the absence of a Chair appointed to the Joint Committee, until Agenda Item 7 – Process for the Appointment of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson – Report 23.645.

Lucas Stevenson, Kaitohutohu Ratonga Manapori | Democratic Services Advisor, chaired the meeting for Agenda Item 7 – Process for the Appointment of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson – Report 23.645.

Council Chair Ponter, as Deputy Chair of the Committee, chaired the remainder of the meeting in the absence of a Chairperson appointed to the Joint Committee.

Karakia timatanga

The Presiding Member opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Darrin Apanui / Council Chair Ponter

That the Joint Committee accepts the apology for absence from Mayor Wanden.

The motion was **carried**.

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 Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting on 19 September 2023 – Report 23.492

Moved: Mayor Baker / Mayor Caffell

That the Joint Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting on 19 September 2023 – Report 23.492.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting on 19 September 2023 – Report 23.494

Moved: Mayor Baker / Council Chair Ponter

That the Joint Committee confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting on 19 September 2023 – Report 23.494.

The motion was **carried**.

Huia Puketapu arrived at 9.11am at the conclusion of the above item.

6 Wellington Regional Leadership Committee – Dual Chair Options – Report 23.619

Kim Kelly, Programme Director, spoke to the report.

Moved: Council Chair Ponter / Huia Puketapu

That the Joint Committee:

- 1 Agrees that the Chair of the WRLC will not be independent but will be drawn from the local government and iwi members of the Committee.
- 2 Agrees that if the WRLC Chair position is filled by a local government member then the WRLC Deputy Chair position shall be filled by an iwi member, and vice versa.
- 3 Agrees that the iwi member being either the Chair or Deputy Chair will be remunerated for this position in addition to the current member remuneration, with this additional remuneration determined by Greater Wellington as the administering authority.
- 4 Agrees that for the purposes of leading the business of the WRLC (including but not limited to business planning, setting vision and purpose, directing the work programme, monitoring programme performance and WRLC Programme Director performance), the Chair and the Deputy Chair will operate as if they are “dual chairs”.
- 5 Agrees that the Chair will, from time to time, vacate the Chair at WRLC meetings to provide the opportunity for the Deputy Chair to preside at WRLC meetings.
- 6 Recommends to the establishing authorities that the WRLC agreement and terms of reference be amended to provide for dual chairs.

The motion was **carried**.

Mayor Holborow arrived at 9.16am during questions of the above item.

Darrin Apanui vacated the Chair at the end of the above item. Lucas Stevenson, Kaitohutohu Ratonga Manapori | Democratic Services Advisor, chaired the meeting for Agenda Item 7.

7 Process for the Appointment of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson – Report 23.645

Lucas Stevenson, Democratic Services Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Council Chair Ponter / Mayor Baker

That the Joint Committee:

- 1 Notes that the person nominated by the Committee to fill the role of Committee Chairperson is subject to appointment by Greater Wellington Regional Council, the administering authority of the Committee.
- 2 Notes that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson hold office until the next triennial local government elections.
- 3 Adopts, pursuant to Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, Appointment by statutory voting system A.
- 4 Agrees that any voting that requires a resolution by ‘lot’ to exclude any person/s will use the procedure where candidates’ names (with the same number of votes) are placed in a container and the name of the person drawn

out by an independent person is deemed the winner (i.e., elected or not excluded from the next round).

- 5 Adopts the voting system and procedure outlined in recommendations 3 and 4 for the nomination of the Chairperson and appointment of the Deputy Chairperson.

The motion was **carried**.

Denise Hapeta arrived at 9.39am during the above item.

7.1 Appointment of Chairperson

Lucas Stevenson advised that the Joint Committee Agreement outlines the process for the appointment of Chairperson. The Joint Committee nominates a member for the Administering Authority to appoint. Lucas Stevenson called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Joint Committee.

Moved: Council Chair Ponter / Mayor Holborow

That the Joint Committee recommends to Greater Wellington Regional Council to appoint Darrin Apanui as Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee.

There being no further nominations, Darrin Apanui was declared to be nominated as Chairperson for appointment by the Administering Authority.

7.2 Appointment of Deputy Chairperson

Lucas Stevenson called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee:

Moved: Mayor Baker / Huia Puketapu

That the Joint Committee appoints Council Chair Ponter as Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee.

There being no further nominations, Council Chair Ponter was declared the Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee.

Council Chair Ponter assumed the Chair at the conclusion of the above item.

The Presiding Member accorded priority to agenda item 9 – Health Check – Report 23.590 in accordance with standing order 3.5.2.

9 Health Check – Report 23.590

Luke Troy, Group Manager Strategy, and Patrick McVeigh, Martin Jenkins, spoke to the report. Updated paragraph 23 and a presentation was tabled.

Moved: Mayor Baker / Darrin Apanui

That the Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the Health Check Report (Attachment 1).
- 2 Notes the actions proposed to implement the Key Shifts in the Health Check.
- 3 Notes that a set of principles to guide the role and purpose of this Committee will be developed through a further workshop and brought back to a future Committee meeting for approval.
- 4 Agrees to the changes proposed to the format of Committee meetings outlined in paragraphs 14 to 18, to allow discussion of key regional issues and opportunities.
- 5 Agrees to the work programme for the remainder of this year and 2024/26 outlined in paragraph 23.
- 6 Notes the work already underway to prepare an FDS Implementation Plan and the potential opportunity to fold this into a Regional/City Deal.
- 7 Notes the opportunity to talk to incoming Ministers about the purpose of the Committee and the importance of ministerial representation.
- 8 Notes the Regional Food Systems Group will be invited to a future Committee meeting to discuss their work.

The motion was **carried**.

Mayor Connelly departed at 9.59am during questions of the above item and did not return.

8 Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Programme Report – December 2023 – Report 23.643 [For Information]

Allen Yip, Programme Manager, spoke to the report.

10 Iwi Capacity and Capability Project Update – Report 23.620

Kim Kelly, Programme Director, spoke to the report.

Moved: Helmut Modlik / Darrin Apanui

That the Joint Committee:

- 1 Notes the work undertaken to date on the iwi capacity and capability project
- 2 Determines its preference for one of the following options as outlined in this paper:

Option 2: Put the project on hold for 6 months.

The motion was **carried**.

11 Draft Regional Emissions Reduction Plan – For Review – Report 23.621

Arya Franklyn, Project Lead Regional Emissions Reduction Strategy, spoke to the report.

Moved: Mayor Caffell / Mayor Holborow

That the Joint Committee:

- 1 Endorses the draft Regional Emissions Reduction Plan's four focus areas, being:

- a transport and urban form
 - b energy
 - c circular economy
 - d productive land use and primary industries.
- 2 Provides feedback on anything that the Committee feels should be added or removed from the proposed list of actions or elsewhere in the Plan.
 - 3 Endorses the general direction of the Plan, noting that a final draft with a more detailed action plan will come to the Committee in March 2024.

The motion was **carried**.

Resolution to exclude the public

12 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 23.652

Moved: Mayor Baker / Mayor Caffell

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

Appointment of mana whenua member to the Joint Committee Subcommittee on the Future Development Strategy – Report PE23.611

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 of mana whenua member to the Joint Committee Subcommittee on the Future Development Strategy – Report PE23.611	
<i>Reason/s for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground/s under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
Information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about a candidate for appointment to the Joint Committee Subcommittee for the Future Development Strategy. Release of this information is likely to prejudice the privacy of natural persons (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as releasing this information would disclose their consideration for appointment as a Committee member. Greater Wellington has considered whether the public interest outweighs	The public conduct of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

the need to withhold the information and has determined that there is no public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.	
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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 10.20am.



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Chair

Date: 4 June 2024

