

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 11 April 2024

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.31am.

Members Present

Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Gaylor (from 9.32am)
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban (until 10.21am)
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw
Councillor Woolf

Councillor Staples, as Council Deputy Chair, presided at the meeting in the absence of the Council Chair.

Karakia timatanga

The Presiding Member opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Nash

That Council accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Ponter and the apology for early departure from Councillor Laban.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Gaylor arrived at the meeting at 9.32am at the conclusion of the above item.

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 Council meeting on 29 February 2024 – Report 24.97

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Laban

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 29 February 2024 – Report 24.97.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 29 February 2024 – Report PE24.98

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Duthie

That Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 29 February 2024 – Report PE24.98.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 29 February 2024 – Report RPE24.99

Moved: Cr Ropata / Cr Lee

That Council confirms the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 29 February 2024 – Report 24.99.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 21 March 2024 – Report 24.144

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Bassett

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 21 March 2024 – Report 24.144.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 28 March 2024 – Report 24.154

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Saw

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 28 March 2024 – Report 24.154.

The motion was **carried**.

Strategy, policy or major issues

9 Treasury Risk Management Policy – Report 24.128

Matthias Zuschlag, Manager Treasury, Ali Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance & Risk, Brett Johanson, Executive Director, PwC, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Nash

That Council:

- 1 Approves the updated Treasury Risk Management Policy.

The motion was **carried**.

The Presiding Member afforded priority to agenda item 16 in accordance with standing order 3.5.2.

16 Finance Update – February 2024 – Report 24.162 [For Information]

Ashwin Pai, Head of Finance and Ali Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance & Risk, spoke to the report.

10 Review of Resource Management Charging Policy – Report 24.165

Stephen Thawley, Project Leader, and David Hipkins, Director Knowledge & Insights, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Duthie

That Council:

- 1 Determines the user charge recovery percentage for state of the environment monitoring costs as Option 3 – 13.5% (preferred option).
- 2 Adopts the Statement of Proposal (Attachment 1) and Summary of Information (Attachment 2) for the proposed amendments to the Resource Management Charging Policy, in line with state of the environment user charge recovery.
- 3 Authorises the following officer to receive oral submissions on the proposed amendments to the Resource Management Charging Policy:
 - a Stephen Thawley, Project Leader Environmental Regulation.

The motion was **carried**.

11 Government Policy Statement – Post 100 Days Update – Report 24.112 [For Information]

Matthew Hickman, Principal Advisor Strategy, Policy & Regulation and Emmet McElhatton, Manager Policy, spoke to the report.

12 Submission on Fast-Track Approvals Bill – Report 24.160

Grant Fletcher, Head of Regional Transport and Matthew Hickman, Principal Advisor Strategy, Policy and Regulation, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ropata / Cr Lee

That Council:

- 1 Approves the submission developed on behalf of the Council, responding to the Fast-track Approvals Bill.
- 2 Delegates to the Deputy Council Chair the ability to make minor editorial changes to the document prior to submission being finalised and sent.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Laban left the meeting at 10.21am during the above item and did not return.

13 Setting Gross Organisational Emissions Targets – Report 24.153

Zofia Miliszewska, Head of Strategy and Performance and Jake Roos, Manager Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Saw

That Council:

- 1 Adopts the proposed organisational gross greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions targets:
 - a 25% reduction in gross Scope 1 & 2 (Category 1 & 2) GHG emissions in FY2025 compared to FY2019
 - b 50% reduction in gross Scope 1 & 2 (Category 1 & 2) GHG emissions in FY2030 compared to FY2019
 - c 65% reduction in gross Scope 1 & 2 (Category 1 & 2) GHG emissions in FY2035 compared to FY2019.
- 2 Notes that officers will assemble an Organisational Emissions Reduction Plan, which brings together all relevant existing Council emissions reduction commitments, policies and programmes of work, along with new gross emissions targets that Council sets, into one document.

The motion was **carried**.

14 Draft Statement of Intent for WRC Holdings 2025 – Report 24.159

Sarah Allen, Principal Advisor Company Portfolio, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That Council:

- 1 Receives the draft Statement of Intent from WRC Holdings.

- 2 Provides any further comment and feedback to be considered for the final Statement of Intent.
- 3 Authorises the Council Chair to finalise a letter to the Chair of WRC Holdings with any comments and feedback to be considered for the final Statement of Intent.

The motion was **carried**.

15 Regional Collaboration of a Water Services Delivery Plan – Report 24.167

Julie Knauf, Group Manager Corporate Services and Pri Patel, Chief Advisor Business Performance Improvement, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Woolf

That Council:

- 1 Notes the Government's intended legislative changes to give effect to *Local Water Done Well* policy, including the requirement on councils to develop a Water Services Delivery Plan.
- 2 Approves the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly develop a Water Services Delivery Plan with the other councils in the Wellington Region.
- 3 Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise the MoU, subject to any amendments required by the Council.
- 4 Notes the key messages intended to be used in a Letter of Clarification (Attachment 2); the letter will append a signed MoU and will be sent to all councils in the Wellington Region and relevant Ministers, stating the position of Council on this subject.

The motion was **carried**.

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That Council:

- 5 Nominates Cr Connelly as Council's representative, and Cr Ponter as alternate, to the Advisory Oversight Group (AOG) for the joint Water Service Delivery Plan process.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Councillor Connelly requested her abstention be recorded.

The meeting adjourned at 11.26am and resumed at 11.40am.

Resolution to exclude the public

17 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 24.164

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Lee

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

Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 21 March 2024 – Report PE24.145

East by West funding arrangements – Report RPE24.157

Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility: approval of shortlisted Expression of Interest respondents – Report RPE24.132

Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 28 March 2024 – Report RPE24.155

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:

Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 21 March 2024 – Report PE24.145	
<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>
<p>The information included in these minutes relates to an opportunity to purchase land in Northern Wellington. Considering this information in public would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations (section 7(2)(i)). It would also prejudice Greater Wellington’s ability to maintain legal privilege (section 7(2)(g)).</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 for this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act in order to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations), and section 7(2)(g) of the Act in order to maintain legal professional privilege.</p>
East by West funding arrangement – Report RPE24.157	
<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>
<p>Information contained in this report is commercially sensitive. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on commercial negotiations (section 7(2)(i)). It would</p>	<p>The public conduct for this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act in order to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial</p>

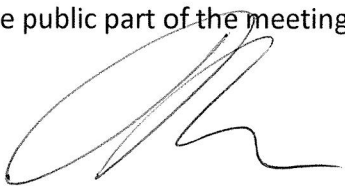
<p>also prejudice Greater Wellington's ability to maintain legal professional privilege (section 7(2)(g)).</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.</p>	<p>negotiations) and section 7(2)(g) of the Act in order to maintain legal professional privilege.</p>
<p>LNIRIM: Endorsement of Tender Shortlist – Report RPE24.132</p>	
<p><i>Reason/s 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>Certain information contained in this report relates to future rail service procurement and contracting in the Wellington Region. Excluding the public from the proceedings of the meeting is necessary as considering this information in public would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (section 7(2)(i) of the Act).</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 for this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act in order to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>
<p>Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 28 March 2024 – Report RPE24.155</p>	
<p><i>Reason/s 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>The information included in these minutes relates to RiverLink Project procurement and contracting information and costs. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations without prejudice (section 7(2)(i)).</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act in order to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>

disclosure of this 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 11.40am.



Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date: 30 May 2024