

**Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Council meeting on 27 February 2025.**

Report 24.650

**Unconfirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 5 December 2024**

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council

100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.31am

**Members Present**

Councillor Ponter (Chair)

Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Bassett

Councillor Connelly

Councillor Duthie

Councillor Gaylor (from 9.31am to 10.31am and from 10.49am)

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand

Councillor Laban

Councillor Lee (from 9.31am to 10.31am and from 10.49am)

Councillor Nash

Councillor Saw

Councillor Woolf (from 9.31am to 10.31am and from 10.49am)

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25A 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**

There were no apologies.

1. **Declarations of conflicts of interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

1. **Public participation**

Pat van Berkel spoke to agenda item 6 – Update on plan change work to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management – Report 24.634.

1. **Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 31 October 2024 - Report 24.593**

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Gaylor

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 31 October 2024 – Report 24.593.

The motion was **carried**.

1. **Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 31 October 2024 – Report PE24.592**

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Duthie

That the Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 31 October 2024 – Report PE24.592.

The motion was **carried**.

1. **Update on plan change work to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management – Report 24.634** [For Information]

Fathima Iftikar, Director, Strategy, Policy and Regulation, and Nicola Arnesen, Manager Policy, spoke to the report.

1. **Adoption of Standing Orders – Report 24.596**

Francis Ryan, Head of Governance and Democracy, and Elizabeth Woolcott, Manager Democratic Services, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Staples

That Council adopts the Standing Orders, as set out in Attachment 1, with the Standing Orders to take effect on 1 February 2025.

The motion was **carried**.

1. **Patron of the Wellington Tramway Museum Incorporated – Report 24.664**

Francis Ryan, Head of Governance and Democracy, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Lee

That Councilaccepts the appointment from the Wellington Tramway Museum Incorporated for the Council Chair to be a patron of the incorporated body.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillors Staples and Bassett voted against the motion and requested that their vote against the motion be recorded.

The meeting adjourned at 10.31am and resumed at 10.47am.

1. **Appointment to the Regional Transport Committee – Report 24.668**

Francis Ryan, Head of Governance and Democracy, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Staples

That Council:

1. Revokes the appointment of Deputy Mayor Lawrence Kirby as alternate member for Kāpiti Coast District Council on the Regional Transport Committee.
2. Appoints Councillor Martin Halliday as alternate member for Kāpiti Coast District Council on the Regional Transport Committee.

The motion was **carried**.

1. **Statements of Expectations for Council Controlled Organisations 2025/26 – Report 24.662**

Jan de Bruin, Senior Advisor, Company Portfolio and Economic Development, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Gaylor/ Cr Duthie

That Council:

1. Approves the key themes for the Statements of Expectations (Attachment 1), for the following Council Controlled Organisations:
   1. WRC Holdings Limited
   2. Wellington Regional Stadium Trust
   3. Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency
2. Delegates to the Council Chair authority to sign off the final Statements of Expectation for delivery to each Council Organisation.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillors Gaylor, Lee, and Woolf rejoined the meeting at 10.49am, during the introduction of the above item.

1. **WRC Holdings – Chair remuneration – Report 24.665**

Sarah Allen, Head of Company Portfolio and Economic Development, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Nash

That Council:

1. Notes that the Chair of WRCHL is remunerated in accordance with Council’s Policy on the Appointment and Remuneration of Directors of Council Organisations, adopted on 30 March 2023 (“the Policy”).
2. Notes the recent changes to Councillor remuneration and, as a consequence, changes to the remuneration entitlement of the Chair of WRCHL, as a result of the Local Government Members (2024/25) Determination 2024 (“the Determination”).
3. Resolves to pass a special resolution as shareholder of WRCHL, by way of written resolutions contained in Attachment 1 – Shareholder Resolutions, to:
   1. authorise the remuneration of the Chair of WRCHL at $17,863 per annum, effective from 1 July 2024; and
   2. authorise the remuneration of the Chair of WRCHL for all subsequent years commencing on and after 1 July 2025 at the relevant rate prevailing at the time that payment is made, being the difference between the highest tier of annual remuneration of a Chair of a Committee established by the Council (other than the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson) and the annual remuneration of a Councillor with no additional responsibilities, as set out in the applicable Local Government Members Determination.
4. Authorises the Council Chair to sign the resolution and consent of the sole shareholder and agreement of entitled person of WRCHL (Attachment 1 – Shareholder Resolutions).

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand, having a conflict of interest, did not participate in the discussion or vote on the above item.

1. **Greater Wellington’s Quarter One 2024/25 summary report – Report 24.663**

Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Duthie / Cr Staples

That Council:

1. Accepts Greater Wellington’s 2024/25 Quarter One Performance Summary Report, as at 30 September 2024 (Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

1. **Finance update – October 2024 – Report 24.617** [For Information]

Ashwin Pai, Head of Finance, spoke to the report.

**Resolution to exclude the public**

1. **Resolution to exclude the public – Report 24.669**

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Bassett

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

Appointment of trustees to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust – Report PE24.578

Appointment of director to the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency – Report PE24.655

Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 31 October 2024 – Report RPE24.595

Bus services procurement- Confirming the draft commercial terms for operators and market engagement (Part Three) – Report RPE24.564

East by West funding arrangements – Report RPE24.653

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:

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| **Appointments of trustees to Wellington Regional Stadium Trust – Report PE24.578** | | | |
| *Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter* | | | *Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution* |
| The information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about the proposed candidates for appointment to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust. Withholding this information prior to Council’s decision is necessary to protect the privacy of those natural persons (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as releasing this information would disclose their consideration as a trustee of the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust.  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. | | | The public conduct of this part 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. |
| **Appointment of director to the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency – Report PE24.655** | | | |
| *Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter* | | | *Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution* |
| The information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about the proposed candidate for appointment. Withholding this information prior to Council’s decision is necessary to protect the privacy of that natural person (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as releasing this information would disclose their consideration as a director of the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency (WellingtonNZ).  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. | | | The public conduct of this part 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. |
| **Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 31 October 2024 – Report RPE24.595** | | | |
| *Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter* | | *Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution* | |
| Information contained in these minutes relates to future bus service 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 and may affect the probity of the bus services procurement process (section 7(2)(i) of the Act).  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. | | The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act in order enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). | |
| **Bus services procurement- Confirming the draft commercial terms for operators and market engagement (Part Three) – Report RPE24.564** | | | |
| *Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter* | *Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution* | | |
| Certain information contained in this report relates to future bus service 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 and may affect the probity of the bus services procurement process (section 7(2)(i) of the Act).  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. | The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act in order enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). | | |
| **East by West funding arrangements – Report RPE24.653** | | | |
| *Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter* | | | *Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution* |
| 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)).  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. | | | The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act in order enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). |

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 11.04am.

Councillor D Ponter

**Chair**

Date: