

## **Confirmed Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting on Tuesday 23 June 2020**

All members participating by Zoom at 9.30am.

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### **Members Present**

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

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 Karakia timatanga**

The Committee Chair invited Dr Bargh to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

#### **2 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

#### **3 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### 4 Public participation

Elaine Gyde spoke to agenda item 4 – Strategic priorities for the Climate Committee

Quentin Duthie spoke to agenda item 4 – Strategic priorities for the Climate Committee

Cally O’Neill and Alayna Ashby, Te Reo o nga Tangata, spoke to agenda item 4 – Strategic priorities for the Climate Committee.

The Chair advised the Committee that the oral item Our climate future was not included in the agenda and requested that it be discussed.

#### 5 Our climate future – oral report

Dr. Alex Pezza, Senior Climate Scientist, gave a presentation on climate science and current climate issues in the Wellington Region.

**Noted:** The Committee requested a report on how society changed and adapted during the Government’s COVID-19 Alert Level 4 and 3 lockdown, and how this can be used as a template to adapt to climate change. The Committee requested that the identified adaptations be promoted and shared with communities.

#### 6 Strategic priorities for the Climate Committee – Report 20.113

Andrea Brandon, Programme Lead – Climate Change, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Lee

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes the current status of the climate change work programme.
- 2 Notes that the COVID-19 pandemic response will create challenges to progressing Greater Wellington’s climate action as well as opportunities to strengthen its climate response.
- 3 Notes the current strategic direction for climate action as outlined in the Greater Wellington Climate Emergency Response Programme.
- 4 Considers the contributing elements to the Climate Committee’s proposed strategic priorities for the 2019-22 triennium (paragraphs 2 to 43).
- 5 Agrees that the Climate Committee’s strategic priorities for the 2019-22 triennium are Option Three – Outcomes (paragraphs 52 and 53).
- 6 Agrees that performance measures for these strategic priorities will be developed and reported back for approval to the Climate Committee’s meeting on 22 September 2020.

The motion was **carried**.

**Noted:** The Committee requested that it receive reports on the items from the Regional Natural Hazards Management Strategy, due to the overlap of natural hazards with climate change impacts.

**7 COVID-19 recovery and climate change – Report 20.201** [for information]

Suze Keith, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

**8 The Low Carbon Acceleration Fund: status update – Report 20.213** [For information]

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

**Noted:** The Committee requested a report on the carbon reduction potential of restoring wetlands and peatlands compared to reforestation.

**9 Karakia whakamutunga**

The Committee Chair invited Dr Bargh to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 11.38am.

Councillor T Nash  
Chair



Date: 22/9/20

