

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on 11 June 2024

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

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ropata (until 10.57am)
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples
Councillor Woolf

Councillors Staples and Gaylor participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of the quorum in accordance with clause 25B 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

Moved: Cr Woolf / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Lee.

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 Presentations of submitters on the proposed amendments to the Resource Management Charging Policy

The following submitters spoke on the proposed amendments to the Resource Management Charging Policy:

- 1 Linda Dale
- 2 Geoff Copps, Wairarapa Water Users.

5 Analysis of submissions and feedback on the proposed amendments to the Resource Management Charging Policy – Report 24.302

Stephen Thawley, Project Leader, and James Luty, Manager Data and Monitoring, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Nash

That Council:

- 1 Considers the submissions on the proposed amendments to the Resource Management Charging Policy, including presentations in support of submissions from those submitters who wish to speak to their submissions.
- 2 Determines, following consideration of the submissions, and relevant officer advice, that the Resource Management Charging Policy should be finalised without changes.
- 3 Notes that the finalised Policy will be submitted to Council for adoption on 27 June 2024.
- 4 Requests that officers report to Council on progress with streamlining opportunities relating to resource management charging cost efficiencies by December 2024.

The motion was taken in parts: Part 1 was put and was **carried**. Part 2 was put and was **carried**. Parts 3 and 4 were put separately and **carried** separately.

Councillor Staples requested that her vote against Part 2 be recorded.

6 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 30 May 2024 – Report 24.288

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Nash

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 30 May 2024 – Report 24.288

The motion was **carried**.

The Chair acknowledged the death of former Councillor and long-serving Mayor of Upper Hutt, Rex Kirton QSO, on 4 June 2024. A moment of silence was observed.

7 Report of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan Committee deliberation recommendations – Report 24.279

Councillor Ponter spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Saw

That Council:

- 1 Notes the recommendations of the Long Term Plan Committee to finalise the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.
- 2 Agrees to include in the final 2024-34 Long Term Plan the preferred options from the Consultation Document for:
 - a Increasing Greater Wellington’s control of strategic public transport assets.
 - b Buying shares to become a 100 percent shareholder of CentrePort.
- 3 Agrees to continue with the planned investment in RiverLink, water storage Lakes, managing water demand and supply, Sky Stadium earthquake strengthening, critical flood protection work, increasing pest management, restoration in Regional Parks, Public transport, and the energy transformation initiative.
- 4 Agrees to the following changes being included in the final 2024-34 Long Term Plan:
 - a Additional funding of:
 - I. \$75,000 per annum in operating expenditure from 2024/25 (Year 1), including \$25,000 for mana whenua kaitiaki-kaupapa funding, and \$400,000 in capital expenditure for 2026/27 (Year 3) for enabling public recreational access to Hiwinui Forest Block;
 - II. \$8.15 million over three years, starting from 2024/25 (Year 1), for Natural Resource Plan Changes;
 - III. \$50,000 in 2024/25 (Year 1) allocated to the co-design process of a solution to the Houghton Valley/Haewai Catchment

leachate issue, to include mana whenua, the community, Wellington City Council and Wellington Water Limited;

- IV. \$65,000 in operating expenditure per annum from 2024/25 (Year 1) until 2032/33 (Year 8), to fund a 0.5 FTE Kaitiaki ranger to support the Hem of Remutaka Project;
 - V. \$100,000 in 2024/25 (Year 1) for funding of community pest management initiatives outside of Wellington City, and the redirecting of \$100,000 per annum from 2025/26 (Year 2) onwards from funding included in the Long Term Plan for pest management volunteer support.
- b Updated Wellington Water Limited operating costs of \$35.8 million from Years 2 to 10; and updated capital expenditure of \$9.2 million, in Years 1 to 3, affecting the water levy.
 - c Strengthening of the wording in the Environment Activity Group section of the Long Term Plan to focus on the outcomes desired from work within the Coastal Marine area.
- 5 Notes that several other 'Actions' for officers were requested, as outlined in the body of this report and these will be responded to separately.
 - 6 Thanks the Long Term Plan Committee for its work in preparing the 2024-34 Long Term Plan and, in particular, the contribution of our mana whenua partners.

The motion was taken in parts: Parts 1 and 2a were put separately and were **carried** separately. Part 2b was put and was **carried**. Part 3 was put and was **carried**. Parts 4aI to V were each put separately and **carried** separately. Parts 4b and c and Parts 5 and 6 were each put separately and were **carried** separately.

Councillor Staples requested that her votes against Parts 2b, 4aII, 4aIII, and 4aIV be recorded.

8 Finalisation of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan budget – Report 24.295

Darryl Joyce, Manager Accounting Services spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Laban

That Council:

- 1 Approves the budget changes, proposed rates and the proposed water levy as set out in this report.
- 2 Approves the finalisation of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan budget, rates and charges, incorporating the changes recommended in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan Committee Deliberation's report to Council (Report 24.279).

The motion was **carried**.

Councillors Bassett, Kirk-Burnnand and Staples requested that their votes against the motion be recorded.

The meeting adjourned at 10.57am and resumed at 11.15am.

Councillor Ropata left the meeting at 10.57am and did not return.

9 Adoption of the 2024 Revenue and Financing Policy – Report 24.303

Kyn Drake, Principal Finance Policy Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Saw/ Cr Bassett

That Council:

- 1 Adopts the 2024 Revenue and Financing Policy (Attachment 1).
- 2 Delegates to the Chief Executive the ability to make minor editorial changes to the Policy prior to publication to correct errors and improve public understanding.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Staples requested that her vote against the motion be recorded.

10 Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses – Report 24.298

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

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Bassett

That Council:

- 1 Notes the Remuneration Authority's advice that the proposed revised *Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses* does not require its subsequent approval before that policy can take effect.
- 2 Adopts the revised *Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses* (Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

Resolution to exclude the public

11 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 24.306

An update to the report was tabled.

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Saw

That the Council:

- 1 Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- a Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 30 May 2024 – Report PE24.290
- b Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 30 May 2024 – Report RPE24.289
- c CentrePort Debt Guarantee – Report RPE24.166

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 the Council meeting on 30 May 2024 – Report PE24.290	
<i>Reason 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 these minutes relates to the proposed purchase of a private residential property on terms that have not finally been agreed. Having this part of the meeting open to the public could prejudice Greater Wellington’s negotiating position in respect to finalising terms of acquisition of the subject property.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this information in the public proceedings of the meeting, that would override this prejudice.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>

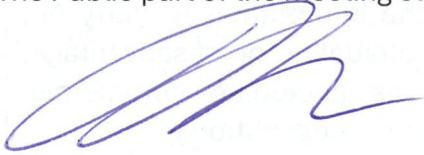
Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 30 May 2024 – Report RPE24.289	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>Information contained in these minutes relates to a lease arrangement in southern Wellington. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations.</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 of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>
CentrePort Debt Guarantee – Report RPE24.166	
<i>Reason 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 in this report relates to Greater Wellington’s financial support of CentrePort Limited. Release of the information contained in this report would be likely to prejudice Greater Wellington and CentrePort Limited’s commercial position as the report identifies interest rate margins.</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 this prejudice.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded in accordance with section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</p>

2. Authorises that Katie Daly and Josh Cairns, Simpson Grierson, be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the matters under consideration for the CentrePort Debt Guarantee. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of their legal technical expertise.

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 11.18am.



Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date: 27/6/24