

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 25 June 2020

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Wellington City at 9.31am.

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban (until 11.23am)
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor van Lier (from 9.40am)

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Connelly

That the Council accepts the apology for late arrival from Councillor van Lier.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

Geoff Reid spoke to agenda item 7 – Adoption of the 2020/21 Annual Plan – requesting pest control to protect giant Rata in Akatarawa Forest.

Quentin Duthie spoke to agenda item 12 – Draft Parks Network Plan 2020-30, for public consultation – requesting that Greater Wellington does not dispose of property and land in Belmont Regional Park until it has considered whether the disposal should proceed in the context of the finalised Parks Network Plan.

Noted: Councillor van Lier arrived at the meeting at 9.40am, during public participation.

Noted: Council requested that officers keep Mr Reid informed of pest control plans for Akatarawa Forest, and that Mr Duthie be informed of the Council's consideration of the matters he raised.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 11 June 2020

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Staples

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 11 June 2020 – Report 20.206.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 11 June 2020

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Brash

That the Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 11 June 2020 – Report PE20.207

The motion was **carried**.

Strategy, policy or major issues

6 Re-Budgeting of capital and operational expenditure from 2019/20 to 2020/21 – Report 20.203

Tony Stallinger, interim Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Connelly

That the Council:

- 1 Approves the operating expenditure, as listed in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2, to be re-budgeted from 2019/20 to 2020/21 and included in the Annual Plan 2020/21.
- 2 Approves the capital expenditure items, as listed in Attachment 3 and Attachment 4, to be re-budgeted from 2019/20 to 2020/21 and included in the Annual Plan 2020/21.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Adoption of the 2020/21 Annual Plan – Report 20.175

Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Blakeley

That the Council:

- 1 Notes that, in accordance with section 95(2A) of the Local Government Act 2002, no public consultation was undertaken in the preparation of the 2020/21 Annual Plan as no significant or material changes have been proposed from year three of Greater Wellington's 2018-28 Long Term Plan.
- 2 Resolves, in accordance with section 100(2) of the Local Government Act 2002, that it is financially prudent for Council to set a budget for 2020/21 that is not balanced.
- 3 Adopts the 2020/21 Annual Plan (Attachment 1).
- 4 Delegates to the Council Chair the ability to make minor editorial changes to the 2020/21 Annual Plan prior to publication to correct errors and improve public understanding.
- 5 Notes that separate papers are being considered at this Council meeting to set the:
 - a Wellington Regional Council rates for 2020/21 (Setting the Wellington Regional Council Rates 2020/21 - Report 20.210)
 - b wholesale water levy for 2020/21 (Wholesale water levy for 2020/21 and end of year adjustment for levy 2019/20 - Report 20. 209).

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Council requested that officers write to Tony Randle regarding the matters he raised in Public Participation at the Council meeting on 11 June 2020.

8 Setting of Wellington Regional Council rates 2020/21 – Report 20.210

Tony Stallinger, interim Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Gaylor

That the Council:

- 1 Sets, pursuant to sections 23 and 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the rates as set out in Attachment 1 for the period commencing 1 July 2020 and concluding 30 June 2021.
- 2 Sets the instalment due dates as set out in Attachment 2.
- 3 Resolves, pursuant to sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to add penalties to unpaid rates as outlined in Attachment 2.
- 4 Requests officers to send a copy of these resolutions to all territorial authorities acting as our agents for rates collection.
- 5 Requests officers to place these resolutions on Greater Wellington's website.

The motion was **carried**.

9 Wholesale water levy for 2020/21 and end of year adjustment for 2019/20 – Report 20.209

Tony Stallinger, interim Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Lamason

That the Council:

- 1 Approves, pursuant to section 91 of the Wellington Regional Water Board Act 1972, the wholesale water contributions payable by constituent authorities as levies for 2020/21 as follows:

Council	2020/21 Levy \$ (GST exclusive)
Hutt City Council	9,373,092
Porirua City Council	4,219,305
Upper Hutt City Council	3,797,030
Wellington City Council	18,470,146
Total	35,859,573

- 2 Approves the end of year adjustments to the apportionment of levies for 2019/20 as follows:

Council	2019/20 Adjustment \$ (GST exclusive)	Charge or refund
Hutt City Council	(127,570)	Refund
Porirua City Council	(20,098)	Refund
Upper Hutt City Council	170,716	Charge
Wellington City Council	(23,048)	Refund

The motion was **carried**.

10 Alignment of Council's rates postponement policy with territorial authorities – Report 20.211

Attachment 2 to Report 20.211 was tabled at the meeting.

Tony Stallinger, interim Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr van Lier

That the Council:

- 1 Notes that any proposed amendment to Council's Rates Postponement Policy (Attachment 1) requires public consultation with the community that gives effect to the requirements of section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

- 2 Agrees to a proposed amendment to Council's Rates Postponement Policy to remove Condition 4 and update the agreements with the territorial authorities that collect rates on behalf of Greater Wellington (paragraph 15).
- 3 Agrees to the proposed amendment in Option 3 – Align Council's Rates Postponement Policy with changes by individual territorial authorities (paragraphs 29 to 37).
- 4 Agrees the draft revised Council's Rates Postponement Policy (to be tabled as Attachment 2) for consultation.
- 5 Agrees to community consultation commencing in July 2020 on the proposed amendments to Council's Rates Postponement Policy.
- 6 Authorises the Council Chair to approve any minor amendments to the draft policy following legal review.

The motion was **carried**.

11 Emerging strategic framework for the 2021-31 long term plan – Report 20.142

Tracy Plane, Manager Strategic and Corporate Planning, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Nash

That the Council:

- 1 Agrees to endorse the emerging strategic framework for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan (as outlined in Attachment 1).
- 2 Notes that there will be further iterations to this strategic framework as officers continue to develop the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.
- 3 Agrees to the new activity group structure of Environment and Flood Protection, Regional Strategy and Partnerships, Public Transport / Metlink, and Water Supply for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan (paragraphs 17 to 27).

The motion was **carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 10.45am and resumed at 11.06am.

12 Draft Parks Network Plan 2030-30 – for public consultation – Report 20.177

Fiona Colquhoun, Parks Planner, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Lamason

That the Council:

- 1 Approves the Draft Parks Network Plan (Attachment 1) for public consultation.
- 2 Approves the Draft Greater Wellington Parks Concession guideline and fee schedule 2020 for public consultation (Attachment 2) in conjunction with the Draft Parks Network Plan.
- 3 Agrees to an eight week public consultation period starting in August 2020, followed by hearings, in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.

- 4 Notes that the 'All Park Directions' part of the Draft Parks Network Plan was approved by Council on 30 April 2020 (Draft Parks Network Plan 2020-30 – Strategic Directions - Report 20.89) and that minor changes agreed by Council at that meeting have been incorporated in Attachment 1.
- 5 Agrees that minor editorial changes to correct errors or improve understanding to the Draft Parks Network Plan may be made with the approval of the Council Chair, prior to publication for public consultation.
- 6 Notes that further proof reading will be undertaken for the Draft Parks Network Plan, and minor content changes made, before graphic design and publication for public consultation.
- 7 Notes that the implementation of the final Parks Network Plan, once publicly consulted on and approved at a later date, will be subject to the resources provided through the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Council requested that the Chief Executive does not exercise his delegated authority regarding disposal of property and land at Belmont Regional Park (Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting Wednesday 13 December 2017 – Report PE17.515), and that a report on this matter be prepared for a future Council meeting.

Noted: Councillor Laban left the meeting at 11.23am, following the conclusion of the above item, and did not return to the meeting.

13 Wellington Regional Public Transport review – Report 20.222 [for information]

Scott Gallacher, General Manager Metlink, spoke to the report.

14 Proposed variation to the Wellington RLTP Programme 2018-21 – business case phases of the Wellington metropolitan rail network resignalling and train control system renewal – Report 20.165

Luke Troy, General Manager Strategy, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Ponter

That the Council:

- 1 Adopts the proposed variation to the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan Programme 2018-21, as set out in Attachment 1, to include business case phases of the Wellington Metropolitan Rail Network Resignalling and Train Control System Renewal
- 2 Agrees to the Council Chair forwarding the adopted variation to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, requesting that the variation is included in the National Land Transport Programme.

The motion was **carried**.

15 Submission on Proposed Plan Change 18: Plimmerton Farm to the Porirua City District Plan – Report 20.224

Al Cross, General Manager Environment Management, Matthew Hickman, Manager Environmental Policy, and Fleur Matthews, Team Lead Policy Implementation, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Council:

- 1 Notes that a sub-group of Councillors has received a briefing of the proposed Plan Change, workshopped the submission points, and provided input into and feedback on the draft submission.
- 2 Considers the draft submission on Proposed Plan Change 18: Plimmerton Farm to the Porirua City District Plan and provides any feedback.
- 3 Approves the submission on Proposed Plan Change 18: Plimmerton Farm to the Porirua City District Plan.
- 4 Authorises the Manager, Environmental Policy to lodge the submission with Porirua City Council on behalf of Council, with any minor changes and corrections.

The motion was **carried**.

16 Endorsement of local authority remit on water bottling for Local Government New Zealand's 2020 Annual General Meeting – Report 20.221

Councillor Ponter spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Nash

That the Council endorses the draft remit prepared by Queenstown Lakes District Council, regarding water bottling, for consideration at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand.

The motion was **carried**.

Governance

17 Review of Council's COVID-19 decisions – Report 20.194

Francis Ryan, Manager, Democratic Services, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Lamason

That the Council:

- 1 Notes that, on 24 March 2020, Council approved a delegation to a group of specified Councillors to make an urgent decision, in certain situations, where it is impractical for Council to meet during the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2 Notes that this delegation has not been exercised.

- 3 Notes that whilst the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues, New Zealand is currently at Alert Level 1 where circumstances are no longer urgent or uncertain.
- 4 Revokes the delegation issued by Council on 24 March 2020.
- 5 Agrees to maintain the Committee quorum provisions adopted by Council on 24 March 2020.

The motion was **carried**.

18 WRC Holdings final Statement of Intent – Report 20.169

Councillor Lamason and Samantha Gain, General Manager Corporate Services, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Hughes

That the Council receives the WRC Holdings Statement of Intent for the year ending 30 June 2021 (Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

19 Wellington Water Committee meeting – 3 June 2020 – Report 20.212 [for information]

20 Regional Transport Committee meeting – 9 June 2020 – Report 20.214 [for information]

21 Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting – 9 June 2020 – 20.202 [for information]

Corporate

22 Health, safety and wellbeing update – May 2020 – Report 20.204 [For information]

Julie Barbie, Manager, Health and Safety, spoke to the report

Exclusions

23 Exclusion of the public – Report 20.223

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Lamason

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

Appointments to advisory bodies

Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 11 June 2020

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:

Appointments to advisory bodies – Report PE20.171	
<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 includes personal and identifying information about proposed candidates for appointment. Withholding this information prior to Council’s decision is necessary to protect the privacy of those natural persons, as releasing the information would disclose their consideration for appointment as a member of the Lower Ruamahanga Valley Floodplain Management Advisory Committee and the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group.</p> <p>Council 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)(a) of the Act (to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons).</p>
Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 11 June 2020 – RPE20.220	
<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 in these minutes relates to the current Chief Executive’s performance agreement. Release of this information would prejudice the privacy of Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, by disclosing information pertaining to the employment relationship between the Chief Executive and the Council.</p> <p>Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act (to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons).</p>

proceedings of the meeting that would override Mr Campbell's privacy.	
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The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 11.50am.



Councillor D Ponter
Chair

Date: