

Confirmed Public minutes of the Long Term Plan Committee meeting on Thursday 14 March 2024

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chambers, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.36am.

Members Present

Councillors

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

Mana Whenua

Denise Hapeta – Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki (from 9.59am)
Anahera Nin – Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc
Rawiri Smith – Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Charitable Trust (from 9.36am until 9.37 am,
and from 9.39am)
Benjamin Wynyard-Terry – Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust

Councillors Saw and Duthie and Rawiri Smith, Benjamin Wynyard-Terry and Anahera Nin participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

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 Long Term Plan Committee meeting of 1 August 2023 – Report 23.356

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Staples

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Long Term Plan Committee meeting of 1 August 2023 - Report 23.356.

The motion was **carried**.

The business of the meeting was suspended at 9.37am during the above item, due to the lack of a quorum. Quorum was restored and business resumed at 9.39am.

5 Adoption of the Consultation Material for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan – Report 24.110

Zofia Miliszewska, Head of Strategy and Performance, Tyler Dunkel, Manager Corporate Planning and Reporting, and Darryl Joyce, Manager Accounting Services, spoke to the report. The Independent auditor's report on Greater Wellington Regional Council's consultation document for its proposed 2024-34 Long Term Plan was tabled.

The following updated attachments to the report were tabled:

- 1.1 Consultation Document Financials
- 1.2 Draft Financial Strategy 2024-34
- 1.3 Financial Assumptions 2024-34
- 1.8 Draft Infrastructure Strategy IS30 24
- 1.10 Draft LTP Statement of Service Performance 2024-34
- 2 LTP 2024-34: Consultation Document.

Clint Ramoo, Audit Director, Audit New Zealand spoke to the independent auditor's report and provided the audit opinion on the Consultation Document. The Committee

were advised that the auditors had given particular consideration to the following matters:

- Whether future planning for water should be featured in the Long Term Plan as a consultation item. They concluded that it is adequately reflected in the Long Term Plan.
- Climate change does not need to be further addressed in the consultation plan.
- Audit were satisfied with the deliverability of Greater Wellington's capital expenditure budget in so far as they would not include an emphasis of matter on this but noted that associated risks remain.
- Auditors were comfortable with the information provided around the potential purchase of CentrePort shares.

Clint Ramoo noted that public transport patronage growth is projected, but that this needs to be reconciled with the uncertainty regarding future funding of public transport. He reached the opinion that this would not have a material effect on the projected finance numbers, but Greater Wellington needs to keep an eye on this for possible effects in outer years.

Uncertainty around future funding for rail was identified as an emphasis of matter. This may affect both future investment and service delivery.

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Nash

That the Committee:

- 1 Adopts the Supporting Information documents (Attachment 1) for consultation purposes for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan in accordance with section 93G of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 2 Adopts the Consultation Document (Attachment 2) for consultation purposes for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan in accordance with section 83(1)(a)(i) and 93A of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 3 Authorises the Council Chief Executive to make minor editorial changes to the Supporting Information (Attachment 1) and Consultation Document (Attachment 2) prior to publication.
- 4 Agrees to the public consultation period being from 18 March to 22 April 2024.
- 5 Delegates to the following officers the authority to hear and transcribe verbal submissions on the 2024-34 Long Term Plan:
 - a Angela Christie – Kaiārahi Whakamahere Kaupapa Rangatōpū | Project Lead Corporate Planning;
 - b Christina Underhill – Kaitohutohu | Advisor Corporate Planning and Reporting; and
 - c Zofia Miliszewska – Kaiwhakahaere Matua | Head of Strategy and Performance.
- 6 Notes that Audit New Zealand will provide their audit opinion on the Consultation Document at the 14 March 2024 Long Term Plan Committee

Meeting, and the opinion will be added to the Consultation Document following the meeting.

The motion was **carried**.

Denise Hapeta joined the meeting at 9.59am during the above item.

Karaka whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karaka whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 10.29am.



Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date: 27/6/24