

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 22 May 2025

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.33am

Members Present

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

Karakia timatanga

The Council Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Gaylor

That the Council accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Woolf.

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 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 10 April 2025 – Report 25.170

Moved: Cr Ropata / Cr Connelly

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 10 April 2025 – Report 25.170.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 10 April 2025 – Report PE25.168

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Staples

That the Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 10 April 2025 – Report PE25.168.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Feedback on the Proposed 2025/26 Annual Plan and budget finalisation – Report 25.217

Tyler Dunkel, Manager Corporate Planning and Reporting, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Nash

That Council:

- 1 Notes that at its meeting on 27 February 2025, Council agreed to an 'Inform and Engage' approach for the proposed 2025/26 Annual Plan as no significant or material changes have been proposed from Greater Wellington's 2024-34 Long Term Plan (Report 25.52).
- 2 Notes the final 2025/26 Annual Plan and the related resolutions on rates and levies for 2025/26 will be presented to the 26 June 2025 Council meeting for formal adoption.
- 3 Notes the public feedback received, and analysis of this, is included in this report, following the 'inform and engage' period which ran from 03 – 28 March 2025.
- 4 Directs officers to proceed with finalising the 2025/26 Annual Plan with a 9.72% rates increase, as described in the public engagement material approved at the meeting on 27 February 2025 (Report 25.52).

The motion was **carried**.

7 Re-budgeting of operational and capital expenditure from 2024/25 to 2025/26 – Report 25.197

Ashwin Pai, Head of Finance, and Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Connelly

That Council:

- 1 Approves the operating and capital expenditure items, as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2 to be re-budgeted from 2024/25 to 2025/26.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: The Council requested that a list of the projects funded through Environment Iwi Partnership/Kaupapa funding be provided to Councillors.

8 Changes to the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund – Report 25.184

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

Moved: Cr Duthie / Cr Saw

That Council:

- 1 Adopts the new accountability criteria for the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund.
- 2 Approves the transfer of 21,993 NZUs, earned by Greater Wellington through the Permanent Forest Sinks Initiative, to Greater Wellington's Low Carbon Acceleration Fund.

The motion was **carried**.

9 Organisational emissions targets – Report 25.185

Updated Report 25.185 was tabled. Jake Roos, Manager Climate Change, spoke to the updated report.

Moved: Cr Duthie / Cr Gaylor

That Council:

- 1 Removes its current organisational net emissions targets for 2025, 2030 and 2035.
- 2 Adopts a new organisational net emissions target (Option B) of being 'Climate Positive' (each year, Greater Wellington's organisational emissions removals exceed its organisational emissions) from 2044/45 onwards.
- 3 Endorses a new gross emissions target (Option C) for all categories of organisational emissions of an 84 percent reduction in 2039/40 compared to the base year of 2018/19, subject to further evaluation of the additional actions that would be required to achieve it.

The motion was **carried**.

10 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting 2025 – Report 25.166

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Saw

That Council:

- 1 Approves the attendance of Councillors Staples and Duthie, and Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, at the 2025 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting.
- 2 Appoints Councillor Staples as the Presiding Delegate for the voting on behalf of Council at the 2025 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting.
- 3 Appoints Councillor Duthie and Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, as Alternate Delegates for voting on behalf of Council at the 2025 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting if Councillor Staples is absent.

The motion was **carried**.

11 Greater Wellington’s Quarter Three 2024/25 summary report – Report 25.212

Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That Council:

- 1 Accepts Greater Wellington’s 2024/25 Quarter Three Performance Summary Report, as at 31 March 2025 (Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: The Council requested a workshop session to discuss an information dashboard relating to public transport performance, including the early running of services.

Noted: The Council requested that Councillors be provided with updates on Queen Elizabeth Park restoration, and activities in the coastal marine area.

12 Finance update – March 2025 – Report 25.196 [For Information]

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

The Chair acknowledged Donna Hickey’s service to Greater Wellington and wished her well for her retirement.

Resolution to exclude the public

13 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 25.211

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Saw

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

Northern depot – Report PE25.80

Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of Council Meeting on Thursday 10 April 2025 – Report RPE25.169

Bus services procurement: evaluation criteria – Report RPE25.190.

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:

Northern depot – PE25.80	
<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 this report relates to a lease opportunity in northern Wellington. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations (section 7(2)(i)).</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>
Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of Council Meeting on Thursday 10 April 2025 – Report RPE25.169	
<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 East by West Contractual arrangements, the Bus Services Procurement Strategy, and the Zero Emissions Bus Strategy. 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)).</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>

<p>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.</p>	
<p>Bus services procurement: evaluation criteria – Report RPE25.190</p>	
<p><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></p>	<p><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></p>
<p>Certain information contained in this report relates to future bus service procurement and contracts in the Wellington Region. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry out negotiations and may affect the probity of the bus services procurement process (section 7(2)(i) of the Act).</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) of the Act to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>

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 10.23am.

Councillor D Ponter

Chair



Date: