

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 11 June 2026

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 1.03pm

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Elder
Councillor Free
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor James
Councillor Johnstone
Councillor Makarini
Councillor Rhodes
Councillor Saw
Councillor Woolf

Councillor Duthie participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25A 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 Saw / Cr Makarini

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

The motion was **carried**.

2 Conflict of interest declarations

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 on 19 May 2026 – Report 26.228

Moved: Cr James / Cr Connelly

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 19 May 2026 - Report 26.228.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Amendment to 2024-34 Long Term Plan to give effect to Local Water Done Well – Report 26.219

Tyler Dunkel, Manager Corporate Planning and Reporting, and Zofia Miliszewska, Head of Strategy and Performance, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Rhodes

That the Council:

- 1 Approves the amendment to the 2024-34 Long Term Plan to remove Greater Wellington's bulk water supply services from the 2026/27 financial year onwards in order to give effect to the Local Water Done Well legislation.
- 2 Adopts the amended 2024-34 Long Term Plan as Council's current Long Term Plan in effect from 1 July 2026. (Attachment 1)
- 3 Authorises the Chief Executive to make minor editorial changes to the amended 2024-34 Long Term Plan prior to publication to correct errors and improve public understanding.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Tiaki Wai – A pathway for exit as a shareholder – Report 26.235 [For Information]

Amanda Cox, Programme Director, and Julie Knauf, Group Manager Corporate Services, spoke to the report.

7 Finance report update – April 2026 – Report 26.234 [For Information]

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

Resolution to exclude the public

8 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 26.255

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Woolf

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

Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 19 May 2026 – PE26.226

Review of the Pinehaven Stream Improvements Project – PE26.232

WRC Holdings – Director reappointment and Chair appointment – PE26.205

Appointment of mana whenua members to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee – PE26.225

Appointment of advisory body chairs – PE26.165

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 Tuesday 19 May 2026 – PE26.226	
<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 matters contained in these minutes relate to debt guarantee and uncalled capital for Tiaki Wai and debt guarantee for CentrePort. Release of this information would prejudice or disadvantage Greater Wellington to undertake commercial activities and carry on negotiations without prejudice to the extent that it could undermine the ability to secure favourable financial terms and manage financial risk effectively.</p> <p>Additionally, release of the information would be likely to prejudice Greater Wellington's, Tiaki Wai's, and CentrePort Limited's commercial position.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per sections 7(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of that information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information, 7(2)(h), to enable the local authority to carry out commercial activities, and 7(2)(i), to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.</p>

<p>favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.</p>	
<p>Review of the Pinehaven Stream Improvements Project – PE26.232</p>	
<p>Information contained in this report includes personal and identifiable information about private individuals. Release of this information is likely to prejudice the privacy of natural persons (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) and prejudice measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public (section 7(2)(e) of the Act), as it would provide identifiable information about private individuals and may affect their financial position.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has considered whether the public interest outweighs the need to withhold the information and has determined that there is no 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, and under section 7(2)(e) of the Act to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public.</p>
<p>WRC Holdings – Director reappointment and Chair appointment – PE26.205</p>	
<p>The information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about the proposed candidate for appointment as director and Chair of WRC Holdings Limited.</p> <p>Withholding this information prior to Council’s decision is necessary to protect the privacy of that natural person (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as releasing this information would disclose their consideration as a</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.</p>

<p>board member and Chair of WRC Holdings.</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>Appointment of mana whenua members to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee – PE26.225</p>	
<p>Information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about proposed candidates for appointment to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee. Release of this information prior to Council's decision is likely to prejudice the privacy of natural persons (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as releasing this information would disclose their consideration for appointment as a member of the Committee.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has considered whether the public interest outweighs the need to withhold the information and has determined that there is no 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.</p>
<p>Appointment of advisory body chairs – PE26.165</p>	
<p>The information contained in this report includes personal information provided by applicants for appointment as the Chair of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Farming Reference Group; b Public Transport Advisory Group; c Lower Ruamāhanga Advisory Group; 	<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.</p>

d Upper Ruamāhanga Advisory Group; and
e Waiōhine Advisory Group;
and as the Deputy Chair of the Public Transport Advisory Group.

Excluding the public from the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as holding this part of the meeting in public would release information that is private to the individuals concerned.

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.

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.

I also move that Tim Harty, Suzanne Rushmere and Mayor Peri Zee (Upper Hutt City Council), Kyle Christensen (Christensen Consulting Ltd) and Dan Ormond (Latitude Strategy & Communication) be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of Pinehaven flood management planning and improvements. This knowledge will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.

The motion was **carried**.

The Public part of the meeting closed at 1.23pm.



Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date:

25/6/26