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Wellington Regional Council

Order Paper for the meeting of the Wellington Regional Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington on:

Thursday, 5 April 2018 at 9.30am

Membership

Cr Laidlaw (Chair)

Cr Blakeley
Cr Donaldson
Cr Kedgley
Cr Lamason
Cr Ogden
Cr Staples

Cr Brash
Cr Gaylor
Cr Laban
Cr McKinnon
Cr Ponter
Cr Swain

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Please note that these minutes remain unconfirmed until the meeting of the Council on 5 April 2018.

Report 18.88

15/03/2018

File: CCAB-8-1514

Public minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 14 March 2018 at 9:32am, and reconvened on Thursday, 15 March 2018 at 10:07am in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington

Wednesday, 14 March 2018

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chair), Blakeley, Brash, Donaldson, Gaylor, Kedgley, Laban, Lamason, McKinnon, Ogden, Ponter, Staples, and Swain.

Public Business

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Declarations of conflict of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

Sue Pattinson (on behalf of Nicky Robinson), Sue Pattinson, Steve Pattinson (on behalf of Darryl Longstaffe), and Steve Pattinson each spoke in relation to agenda item 10 – Waiohine FMP – interim flood maps.

4 **Confirmation of the Public minutes of 13 December 2017**

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of 13 December 2017 - Report 17.514.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

5 **2018 Annual Fare Review**

Paul Kos, Manager, Public Transport Planning, spoke to the report

Report 18.71

File: CCAB-8-1467

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that the supporting information to the consultation document for the Long Term Plan 2018-28 includes a 3% fare increase for the 2018/19 to offset the shortfall in fare revenue as a result of the new fares package agreed by Council on 31 October 2017.*
4. *Notes that the supporting information to the consultation document for the Long Term Plan 2018-28 includes a revised approach to user contributions, reflecting the need to more accurately represent the complete operating costs of public transport.*
5. *Notes that the current PT Plan fare box recovery policy and targets require review and that this will occur as next review for the PT Plan, proposed to begin in the 2018/19 financial year.*
6. *Agrees that the current budget provision of \$5.5m for the fares package in the draft 2018/28 Long Term Plan remains appropriate.*
7. *Notes that taking account of the new information on costs and changing context for public transport, it is not considered necessary to change the budget provision for fare revenue in the draft Long Term Plan.*
8. *Notes that fare levels will continue to be reviewed annually, with adjustments proposed as necessary via the Annual Plan/LTP process.*

Moved as an amendment (as an addition to the motion)

(Cr Kedgley/ Cr Ogden)

9. *Agrees that it will work towards equity in the farebox recovery model between bus and rail in the upcoming review.*

The amendment was put to the vote and was **LOST**.

The following substantive motion was put to the vote:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Notes that the supporting information to the consultation document for the Long Term Plan 2018-28 includes a 3% fare increase for the 2018/19 to offset the shortfall in fare revenue as a result of the new fares package agreed by Council on 31 October 2017.*
4. *Notes that the supporting information to the consultation document for the Long Term Plan 2018-28 includes a revised approach to user contributions, reflecting the need to more accurately represent the complete operating costs of public transport.*
5. *Notes that the current PT Plan fare box recovery policy and targets require review and that this will occur as next review for the PT Plan, proposed to begin in the 2018/19 financial year.*
6. *Agrees that the current budget provision of \$5.5m for the fares package in the draft 2018/28 Long Term Plan remains appropriate.*
7. *Notes that taking account of the new information on costs and changing context for public transport, it is not considered necessary to change the budget provision for fare revenue in the draft Long Term Plan.*
8. *Notes that fare levels will continue to be reviewed annually, with adjustments proposed as necessary via the Annual Plan/LTP process.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Councillor Swain requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

6 **Amendment of the Treasury Risk Management Policy**

Mike Timmer, Treasurer, spoke to the report

Report 18.78

File: CCAB-8-1464

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves no formal limit being placed on commercial paper issuance.*
4. *Notes that the Treasury Risk Management Policy funding risk control limit is the appropriate mechanism to limit commercial paper issuance.*
5. *Approves the proposed changes to the Treasury Risk Management Policy as set out in sections 3 and 4 of this report, and as contained in the draft Policy as set out in attachment 1 to this report.*
6. *Adopts the Treasury Risk Management Policy incorporating marked up changes as set out in attachment 1 to this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 **Review of Council's rates remissions and postponement policies**

Report 18.77

File: CCAB-8-149

Moved

(Cr Blakeley/ Cr Brash)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the proposed changes to the Council's rates remission and postponement policies as set out in section 5 of this report.*
4. *Approves the draft rates remission and postponement policies, as set out in Attachment 1, for public consultation.*
5. *Adopts the statement of proposal, as set out in Attachment 2, for public consultation.*
6. *Authorises the Council Chair to make editorial changes to the draft rates remission and postponement policies and the statement of proposal prior to publication to correct errors and improve public understanding.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am and resumed at 11:02am.

8 **Approval of the proposed revenue and financing policy and adoption of accompanying statement of proposal for consultation purposes.**

Dave Humm, General Manager Corporate Services/Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report. A replacement page 6 of Attachment 2 to Report 18.24 was tabled.

Report 18.24

File: LGAP-7-771

Moved

(Cr Blakeley/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees that the special consultative procedure be used to consult on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy, and that this approach meets the requirements of sections 78, 82 and 82A of the Local Government Act 2002.*
4. *Agrees that the consultations on the 10 Year Plan and the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy shall be concurrent.*
5. *Approves the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy, as set out in Attachment 1, for the purposes of consultation.*
6. *Adopts the statement of proposal, and summary of information for the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy, as set out in Attachments 2 and 3.*
7. *Endorses the engagement approach outlined in section 5 of this report.*
8. *Authorises the Council Chair to make editorial changes to the proposed Revenue and Financing policy and accompanying documents to correct errors and improve public understanding.*

Moved as an amendment (to follow motion 4)

(Cr Staples/ Cr Gaylor)

Agrees, with regard to the section on flood protection in the documents for public consultation, that the words "Preferred option" be replaced with "Proposed option" wherever they appear.

Agrees, that if Option 1 is adopted, the transition period be extended from 3 to 6 years for Option 1.

The second component of the amendment (regarding the transition period) was withdrawn by a majority decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am and reconvened at 12:20pm.

The amendment was put to the vote and was **CARRIED** and became part of the substantive motion.

Moved as an amendment (as additions to the motion)

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Ogden)

Agrees to consider whether the transition period could be three years or longer following the consultation process.

The amendment was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**, and became part of the substantive motion.

The following substantive motion was put to the vote:

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees that the special consultative procedure be used to consult on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy, and that this approach meets the requirements of sections 78, 82 and 82A of the Local Government Act 2002.*
4. *Agrees that the consultations on the 10 Year Plan and the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy shall be concurrent.*
5. *Agrees, with regard to the section on flood protection in the documents for public consultation, that the words "Preferred option" be replaced with "Proposed option" wherever they appear.*
6. *Approves the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy, as set out in Attachment 1 (as amended), for the purposes of consultation.*
7. *Adopts the amended statement of proposal, and summary of information for the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy, as set out in Attachments 2 and 3 (as amended).*
8. *Endorses the engagement approach outlined in section 5 of this report.*
9. *Authorises the Council Chair to make editorial changes to the proposed Revenue and Financing policy and accompanying documents to correct errors and improve public understanding.*
10. *Agrees to consider whether the transition period could be three years or longer following the consultation process.*

Voting on the motions was taken in sections. Motions 1 to 4 were put to the vote and were **CARRIED**. Motion 5 was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**. Motions 6 to 10 were put to the vote and were **CARRIED**.

Noted: Councillor Staples requested that her vote against motion 5 be recorded.

9 **Adoption of the consultation document and supporting information for the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 for consultation purposes.**

Andy Burns, Audit Director, Audit New Zealand, advised that the consultation document as currently drafted is appropriate for consultation if adopted in its current form. The auditor's report on the consultation document was tabled.

Report 18.23

File: LGAP-7-569

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees that the matters in the report will lead to the Council making a decision with a high degree of significance.*
4. *Approves the proposed rates and levies for the 2018/19 year and for the subsequent years through to 2027/28, as set out in section 9 of this report, for the purpose of including this information in the Consultation Document and Supporting Information for the 10 Year Plan 2018-2028.*
5. *Approves the Financial Strategy and Infrastructure Strategy, as set out in section 4 of this report, for the purpose of including this information in the Consultation Document and Supporting Information for the 10 Year Plan 2018-2028.*
6. *Adopts the Supporting Information for the 10 Year Plan 2018-2028 contained in Attachment 1 for the purposes of consultation in accordance with section 93G of the Local Government Act 2002.*
7. *Adopts the Consultation Document: Investing in Our Extraordinary Region, as contained in Attachment 2, and as amended to refer to the flood protection preferred option, for the purposes of consultation in accordance with section 83(1)(a)(i) and 93A of the Local Government Act 2002.*
8. *Endorses a submission period from 26 March to 29 April 2018 and the proposed public engagement activities for the Consultation Document: "Investing In Our Extraordinary Region."*
9. *Authorises the Council Chair to make editorial changes to the Consultation Document: "Investing In Our Extraordinary Region" and accompanying documents prior to publication to correct errors and improve public understanding.*
10. *Delegates to the following officers the authority to hear and transcribe verbal submissions on the 10 Year Plan 2018-28 and the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy and proposed rates remission and postponement policies:*

Nicola Shorten, Manager Strategic and Corporate Planning; Helen Guissane, Corporate Planner.

11. *Establishes the 10 Year Plan 2018-2028 Hearing Committee to consider submissions and other feedback on the 10 Year Plan 2018-2028, including matters in the Consultation Document and the Supporting Information and on the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy and the proposed rates remission and postponement policies and to recommend any amendments to Council.*
12. *Appoints all Councillors as members of the 10 Year Plan 2018-2028 Hearing Committee, and appoints Cr Donaldson as Chair.*
13. *Adopts the terms of reference for the 10 Year Plan 2018-2028 Hearing Committee as set out in Attachment 3 of this report.*

Voting on the motions was taken in sections. Motions 1 to 3 were put to the vote and were **CARRIED**. Motions 4 to 7 were each put to the vote and each was **CARRIED**. Motions 8 to 13 were put to the vote and were **CARRIED**.

Noted: Councillors McKinnon, Ogden, Staples and Swain requested that their votes against motion 4 be recorded. Councillor Ogden requested that his votes against motions 5, 6 and 7 be recorded.

The Chairperson advised that the meeting would adjourn and reconvene at 10.00am on Thursday, 15 March 2018. The meeting adjourned at 1.35pm.

Thursday, 15 March 2018

The meeting reconvened at 10:07am on Thursday, 15 March 2018.

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chair), Blakeley, Brash, Donaldson, Gaylor, Kedgley, Laban, Lamason, McKinnon, Ogden, and Staples.

Apologies

Moved (Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Council accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Ponter and Swain.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

10 **Waiohine FMP - interim flood maps**

Councillor Staples spoke to the report.

Report 18.39

File: CCAB-8-1445

Moved (Cr Donaldson/ Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees that the 2018 (latest preliminary) flood map be released for interim use, once these have satisfied the requirements of the peer-review and been re-endorsed by the Project Team.*
4. *Endorses the use of the 2018 (latest preliminary) flood map to inform planning and regulatory functions.*

Moved (as an additional motion, to follow the current motion 3)(Cr Staples/Cr Lamason)

4. *Agrees that freeboard is to be shown on the 2018 (latest preliminary) flood map in a different colour.*

The amendment was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**, and became part of the substantive motion.

The following substantive motion was put to the vote:

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees that the 2018 (latest preliminary) flood map be released for interim use, once these have satisfied the requirements of the peer-review and been re-endorsed by the Project Team.*
4. *Agrees that freeboard is to be shown on the 2018 (latest preliminary) flood map in a different colour.*
5. *Endorses the use of the 2018 (latest preliminary) flood map to inform planning and regulatory functions.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

11 **Mangatarere Stream flood study area**

Councillor Staples spoke to the report.

Report 18.40

File: CCAB-8-1446

Moved

(Cr Staples/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

3. *Endorses the use of the Mangatarere Stream flood study area maps by Carteron District Council to inform planning and regulatory functions.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Corporate

12 WRC Holdings 2018/21 draft Statement of Intent

Mike Timmer, Treasurer, spoke to the report

Report 18.65

File: CCAB-8-1459

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Receives the draft Statement of WRC Holdings Group for the 2018/21 and forwards any comments or recommendations to the directors of WRC Holdings for their consideration.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

13 Summary quarterly report for the second quarter 2017/18

Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, spoke to the report

Report 18.43

File: CCAB-8-1451

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

14 Health and Safety update

Lucy Matheson, General Manager, People and Customer, spoke to the report

Report 18.81

File: CCAB-8-1473

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Brash)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the health and safety approach outlined in this report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

15 **Exclusion of the public**

Report 18.84

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr McKinnon)

Exclusion of the public

Report 18.84

That the Council:

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

1. *Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 13 December 2017*
2. *Appointment to the Wairarapa Committee*
3. *Chief Executive interim performance review*

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 grounds 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:

General subject of each matter to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 13 December 2017</i> 	<p><i>The information contained in these minutes relates to negotiations on redress proposals from the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) in relation to Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council if further negotiations were to take place as it would reveal the Council's stance. GWRC 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.</i></p> <p><i>The information contained in these minutes also relates to the proposed sale of property owned by GWRC.</i></p>	<p><i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Act (i.e. to carry out negotiations without prejudice).</i></p> <p><i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of</i></p>

The report outlines terms of the proposed disposal. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage GWRC if the property is placed on the open market for sale via a contestable sale process. GWRC 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.

the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Act (i.e. to carry out negotiations without prejudice).

The information contained in these minutes also relates to an application from a residential ratepayer for the remission of rates. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would prejudice the applicant's privacy by disclosing the fact that they have sought a remission of rates. GWRC 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 privacy of the individual concerned.

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(a) of the Act (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).

2. *Appointment to the Wairarapa Committee.*

The information contained in this report relates to the proposed appointment of a member to the Wairarapa Committee. Release of this information would prejudice the proposed appointee's privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered, and have expressed interest in becoming a member of the Wairarapa Committee. GWRC 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 privacy of the individual concerned.

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(a) of the Act (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).

3. *Chief Executive Interim Performance*

The information contained in this report contains information relating to the Chief Executive's

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting

Review performance for 2017/18. Release of this information would prejudice Greg Campbell's privacy by disclosing details of his performance agreement with the Council. Greater Wellington Regional Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring the disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting would override his privacy. would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(a) of the Act (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Act and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 11:20am.

Cr C Laidlaw
(Chair)

Date:



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Please note that these minutes remain unconfirmed until the meeting of the Council on 5 April 2018.

The matters referred to in these minutes were considered by the Council on 14 March 2018 in public excluded business. These minutes do not require confidentiality and may be considered in the public part of the meeting.

Report PE18.89

15/03/2018

File: CCAB-8-1513

Public excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 14 March 2018 and reconvened on Thursday, 15 March 2018 in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 11:20am on Thursday, 15 March 2018

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chair), Blakeley, Brash, Donaldson, Gaylor, Kedgley, Laban, Lamason, McKinnon, Ogden, and Staples.

Public Excluded Business

1 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 13 December 2017

Moved (Cr Laidlaw/ Cr McKinnon)

That the Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of 13 December 2017 - Report PE17.515

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 Appointment to the Wairarapa Committee

Report PE18.32

File: CCAB-8-1455

Moved (Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Staples)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Appoints Rueben Raihania Tipoki to the Wairarapa Committee.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The public excluded part of the meeting closed at 11:21am. This was followed by an adjournment until 11.37am.

Cr C Laidlaw
(Chair)

Date:



Please note that these minutes remain unconfirmed until the meeting of the Council on 5 April 2018.

The matters referred to in these minutes were considered by the Council on 15 March 2018 in restricted public excluded business. These minutes do not require confidentiality and may be considered in the public part of the meeting.

Report RPE18.93

15/03/2018

File: CCAB-8-1511

Restricted public excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 14 March 2018 and reconvened on Thursday, 15 March 2018 in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council , Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, at 11.37am on Thursday, 15 March 2018

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chair), Blakeley, Brash, Donaldson, Gaylor, Kedgley, Laban, Lamason, McKinnon, Ogden, and Staples.

Restricted Public Excluded Business

1 Chief Executive interim performance review

Councillor McKinnon spoke to the report.

Report RPE18.42

File: CCAB-8-1450

Moved

(Cr McKinnon /Cr Brash)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The restricted public excluded part of the meeting closed at 11.46am.

Cr C Laidlaw
(Chair)

Date:



Report 2018.97
Date 23 March 2018
File CCAB-8-1515

Committee Council
Author Lucy Harper, Team Leader, Environment Policy

Update on implementation programme for the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

1. Purpose

To seek revision of the Council's staged implementation Programme for the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (Amended 2017) (NPS-FM).

2. Background

The NPS-FM includes a requirement that its provisions must be implemented by December 2025 and the same NPS-FM policy requires the Council to formally adopt a staged Programme of implementation to show how the Council will meet this date.

The NPS-FM progressive implementation Programme (the Programme) adopted by the Council, has the following key elements:

- Region-wide regulatory provisions in the proposed Natural Resources Plan (the Plan) that implement the NPS-FM.
- Catchment-specific regulatory provisions developed using collaborative processes for each catchment in the Region by whitua committees that implement the NPS-FM. Once each whitua committee has completed its task, recommended catchment specific provisions will be included in whitua chapters of the Plan.
- Non-regulatory proposals (including recommendations from whitua committees) that will be implemented (funded) through the Council's Long Term Plan.
- A requirement for regional targets and national targets to contribute to improved swimming conditions in water bodies (as per amendments 2017).

Five whitua (areas) are identified in the Programme: the Wairarapa Coast, Ruamāhanga River, Wellington/Hutt, Te Awarua-o-Porirua, and Kāpiti. Whitua committees will prepare Whitua Implementation Programmes (WIPs) that include recommendations to the Council on plan changes/variations to give effect to the NPS-FM in full. The whitua start dates are sequenced so that two whitua are underway at a time. This is both for logistical reasons and to allow for different timing needs, as the resource management issues may differ significantly; for example the nature of urban and rural populations or the extent of water quality and water quantity problems in different places.

Hearings on the Plan began in April last year, with the last hearing due to finish in mid-June 2018. The Hearing Panel has been advised that the Council will give effect to the NPS-FM through the Programme and the revised timing.

3. Revised timing and actions

When the Programme was first decided, an estimate of 2016 was made for completion of the Ruamāhanga Whitua Implementation Programme. The Ruamāhanga Whitua faced a number of complex and diverse resource management issues. There are urban and rural issues, and significant water quality and quantity challenges have to be addressed. As a consequence, revising the timeframe for Ruamāhanga WIP completion to 2018 is appropriate.

The time estimate in the Programme for the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whitua is updated to 2018 to reflect the complex urban issues the Committee is grappling with. This timing also better suits the Porirua City Council District Plan Review process. The commencement of the Wellington Harbor/Hutt Valley Whitua has been signaled for mid-2018 by the Council. Starting dates of 2019 and 2020 for the Kāpiti Whitua and Wairarapa Coast Whitua respectively will be appropriate.

The full version of the revised Programme is given in [Attachment 1](#) with the above suggested changes.

A new requirement from the 2017 amendments is that every regional council needs to improve water quality in specified rivers and lakes and to contribute to a national target for suitability of those waterbodies for primary contact. Both draft and final targets need to be available to the public.

The Ministry for the Environment has modeled existing conditions and the expected improvement in waterbodies with the committed works in the Region from regional plan requirements and non-regulatory programs. Of particular note is that there is no modelling in the draft targets of works which can be anticipated through further consenting processes in the Plan, whitua process and infrastructure improvements.

The information has presented regional councils with draft targets to use and provide to the public in a standard template by the end of March. The report for the website is presented at [Attachment 2](#).

This will form the basis for further discussion with the community prior to finalising our Region's contribution to the national target.

4. Communication

The role of whitua committees has already been widely communicated as part of the ongoing process for establishing and operating the existing whitua committees. Established whitua committees already have web-pages with information on their responsibilities, what they are doing, and how people can be involved.

The revised NPS Programme of implementation and the draft targets will be posted on the Council's web-page with links to current whitua committee web-pages. As work starts with additional whitua similar engagement and communication will occur.

5. Consideration of climate change

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers in accordance with the process set out in the GWRC Climate Change Consideration Guide.

Officers have considered the impacts of climate change in relation to the matter for mitigation and adaptation assessment. Officers recommend that consideration of climate change is being assessed as part of the modelling and development of the WIPs.

6. The decision-making process and significance

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

6.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) requires Greater Wellington Regional Council to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

The Report updates a programme of work which has already been approved by Council. The Report fulfils the reporting requirement of the NPS-FM.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

6.2 Engagement

Changes to the NPS-FM Programme are minor and for information. The draft targets for swimming are made available on the website. The engagement approach being followed for these matters is set out in this report and attachments.

7. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. **Receives the report.**
2. **Notes the content of the report, including the draft targets being made available to the public.**
3. **Adopts the revised Programme of time-limited stages in Attachment 1 for implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (amended 2017).**

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Attachment 1: Programme of time-limited stages for implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (NPS-FM) and progress to March 2018

Attachment 2: Wellington Region Draft Regional Swimming Targets (31 March 2018)

Attachment 1 to Report 2018.97

Programme of time-limited stages for implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (amended 2017) (NPS-FM) and progress to March 2018

Pursuant to Policy E1 of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (amended 2017), the Wellington Regional Council gives public notice of the following staged Programme for implementation and the progress to March 2018.

	Planning and engagement	Collaborative process for developing catchment specific management approaches	Implementation progress to March 2018
2013	Release a Working Document for Discussion for comment and discussion.	Identify five whitua for the region.	<p>A Working Document for Discussion was publicly released in August 2013.</p> <p>The five whitua for the region were identified in June 2013. The purpose, role, membership, and timing of whitua committees were also reported to the Council at the same time.</p> <p>Members of the Whitua Committee were appointed in December 2013</p>
2014	Release a draft Natural Resources Plan for comment and discussion.	Establish the process for collaboration with communities in Ruamāhanga Whitua and Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whitua in the region.	<p>Following consultation with stakeholders on a Working Document for Discussion, a draft Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region was released in September 2014.</p> <p>The Ruamāhanga Whiatua Committee held its first meeting in February 2014.</p> <p>The process for establishing the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whitua Committee was reported to the Council in July 2014. Members of the Committee were appointed in December 2014.</p>
2015	Notify Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region.		The Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region was publicly notified on 31 July 2015.

	Planning and engagement	Collaborative process for developing catchment specific management approaches	Implementation progress to March 2018
			The Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua Committee first met in February 2015.
2018	Provide draft swimming targets to the public by 31 March. Finalise regional swimming targets to the public by 31 December	Whaitua Implementation Programme (WIP) completed for Ruamāhanga Whaitua Establish whaitua committee and start collaboration with communities in Wellington Harbour /Hutt Valley Whaitua WIP completed for Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua.	Draft swimming targets report available on website 31 March Ruamāhanga Whaitua draft recommendations being consulted on with the community Wellington Harbour/Hutt Valley Whaitua committee establishment underway
2019	Notify Regional Plan changes in response to completed WIPs and to identify scheduled rivers and lakes and primary contact sites (as per Policy A5) for Ruamāhanga Whaitua and Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua. LTP provides funding for implementation of non-regulatory methods in response to the WIPs completed Ruamāhanga Whaitua and Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua.	Wellington Harbour /Hutt Valley Whaitua working towards a WIP Establish process for collaboration with communities in Kāpiti Whaitua	Not applicable
2020		WIP completed for Wellington Harbour /Hutt Valley Whaitua. Establish process for collaboration with communities in Wairarapa Coast Whaitua.	Not applicable
2021	Notify Regional Plan change in response to WIP completed for Wellington/Hutt Whaitua. LTP provides funding for		Not applicable

	Planning and engagement	Collaborative process for developing catchment specific management approaches	Implementation progress to March 2018
	implementation of non-regulatory methods in response to WIP completed for Wellington Harbour /Hutt Valley Whaitua.		
2022		WIP complete for Kāpiti Whaitua.	Not applicable
2023	Notify Regional Plan change in response to WIP completed for Kapiti Whaitua. LTP provides funding for implementation of non-regulatory methods in response to WIP completed for Kapiti Whaitua.	WIP completed for Wairarapa Coast Whaitua	Not applicable
2024	Notify Regional Plan change in response to WIP completed for Wairarapa Coast Whaitua. LTP provides funding for implementation of non-regulatory methods in response to WIP completed for Wairarapa Coast Whaitua..		Not applicable

Role of the Whaitua Committees

The Whaitua Committees are advisory bodies established by the Wellington Regional Council. They will develop Whaitua Implementation Programmes (WIPs) in an open, communicative and collaborative manner – inclusive of community, partners and stakeholders.

WIPs will contain strategies and actions which will form a Programme of work to implement the NPS-FM within the whaitua. They may include recommendations for both statutory and non-statutory actions/methods.

The following details on the intent and content of the WIP are from the Terms of Reference for Ruamāhanga and Te Awarua-o-Porirua whaitua committees:

Development of the WIP will include, as relevant to each whaitua:

- (a) *An assessment of region wide objectives contained in the proposed or operative regional plan, as they relate to the whitua,*
- (b) *Specific whitua objectives and targets for water quality and quantity outcomes, including setting timeframes and priorities for achieving whitua or catchment objectives and targets,*
- (c) *Water quality and/or discharge limits, including for sediment, nutrients and other contaminants if appropriate, including setting timeframes and priorities, and management methods, to achieve freshwater and coastal objectives,*
- (d) *Identification of mana whenua values and interests in fresh water, and how these might be reflected in the regional plan,*
- (e) *An assessment of, and recommendations to alter, existing water allocation limits, to achieve identified objectives for the whitua,*
- (f) *Programmes or activities that will support or contribute to the achievement of the established objectives for water quality and quantity outcomes, including such tools as environmental accords and post-settlement arrangements and,*
- (g) *Opportunities for the active integration of existing Programmes and plans to achieve the objectives and targets for water quality and quantity outcomes.*

In developing WIPs, the following matters will also be considered, as appropriate, in each whitua:

- (a) *Identification of the land and water issues, challenges, and opportunities for the whitua,*
- (b) *Identification of a vision of the future of land and water management for the whitua,*
- (c) *The management of rivers for flood hazard mitigation,*
- (d) *The management of stormwater and wastewater infrastructure,*
- (e) *Priority water allocation and secondary allocation,*
- (f) *Demand supply management for all uses and their implications,*
- (g) *The management of sediment inputs into the harbour,*
- (h) *Interactions between groundwater and surface water, fresh water, land use and coastal environments, and*
- (i) *Significant water use projects, such as irrigation and electricity generation.*

The full Terms of Reference for the current whitua processes can be found here [<http://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Ruamahanga-Whaitua/TermsOfReferenceRuamahangaWhaituaCommittee.pdf>] for the Ruamāhanga whitua and here [<http://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Whaitua/Te-Awarua-o-Porirua/TermsOfReferenceTeAwaruaoPoriruaWhaituaCommittee.pdf>] for Te Awarua-o-Porirua whitua.

Adoption of WIP recommendations by the Wellington Regional Council

On receiving each WIP, the Wellington Regional Council will:

- Undertake a plan change or (or variation) to the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (PNRP) in order to incorporate regulatory recommendations of the WIP. The PNRP contains chapters for each whitua in anticipation of whitua-specific plan changes. Upon any such plan change, both the relevant region-wide provisions of the PNRP and the adopted whitua-specific provisions apply to activities undertaken within the whitua.
- Implement non-regulatory recommendations of the WIP, including seeking funding through the next Long Term Plan process.
- For any requirements of the NPS-FM that the WIP does not fulfil, and which the Whitua Committee is unable to produce recommendations on, develop and notify any necessary changes to the PNRP.

Other actions to implement the NPS-FM

As well as the requirements to implement policy CA2 and set freshwater objectives for all fresh water in the Wellington Region, the NPS-FM contains other directions for which the Wellington Regional Council will develop work Programmes in order to implement. These are to:

- Develop a freshwater accounting system for water quantity and water quality by 1 August 2016, in accordance with NPS-FM Policy CC1, and
- Develop and implement a monitoring plan to monitor progress towards any freshwater objectives set for the Wellington Region, in accordance with NPS-FM Policy CB1.

Wellington Region Draft Regional Swimming Targets

(Website 31 March 2018)

Introduction

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (as amended in August 2017) (NPS-FM) directs all regional councils (including unitary authorities) to set draft regional targets to improve the quality of fresh water so they are suitable for primary contact more often. This information sheet has been prepared to meet this requirement. "Primary contact" includes swimming, and means people's contact with fresh water that involves immersion in the water. Being suitable for primary contact more often includes improvements in water quality from one state to another (for example, orange to yellow, yellow to green, or green to blue).

All regional councils have worked together to use the best information available to identify:

- The improvements that will be made to water quality in rivers and lakes in the Wellington region under programmes that are planned or underway
- When the anticipated water quality improvements will be achieved
- The likely costs of all interventions, and where these costs will fall

A report prepared by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) for all regional councils on these theoretical improvements and costs, presented region by region, is available [here](#). The assumptions and limitations of the modelling approaches taken are described in the report.

Regional context and focus

Based on the modelling undertaken by MfE, the overall swimmable state of the Wellington region's rivers is currently 65% swimmable (that is, 65% of rivers that are fourth order or larger are in the blue, green or yellow category in terms of *E. coli*). For lakes with perimeters greater than 1500 metres, 75% are in the blue, green or yellow category in terms of cyanobacteria based on the status quo.

The regional priorities for the Wellington region are to continue to implement the proposed Natural Resources Plan, including excluding stock from waterbodies, protection of significant wetlands, ensuring stormwater is appropriately managed, working with partners to reduce sewage overflows and working with industry to implement good management practice for water use and waste storage/disposal and in rural land management.

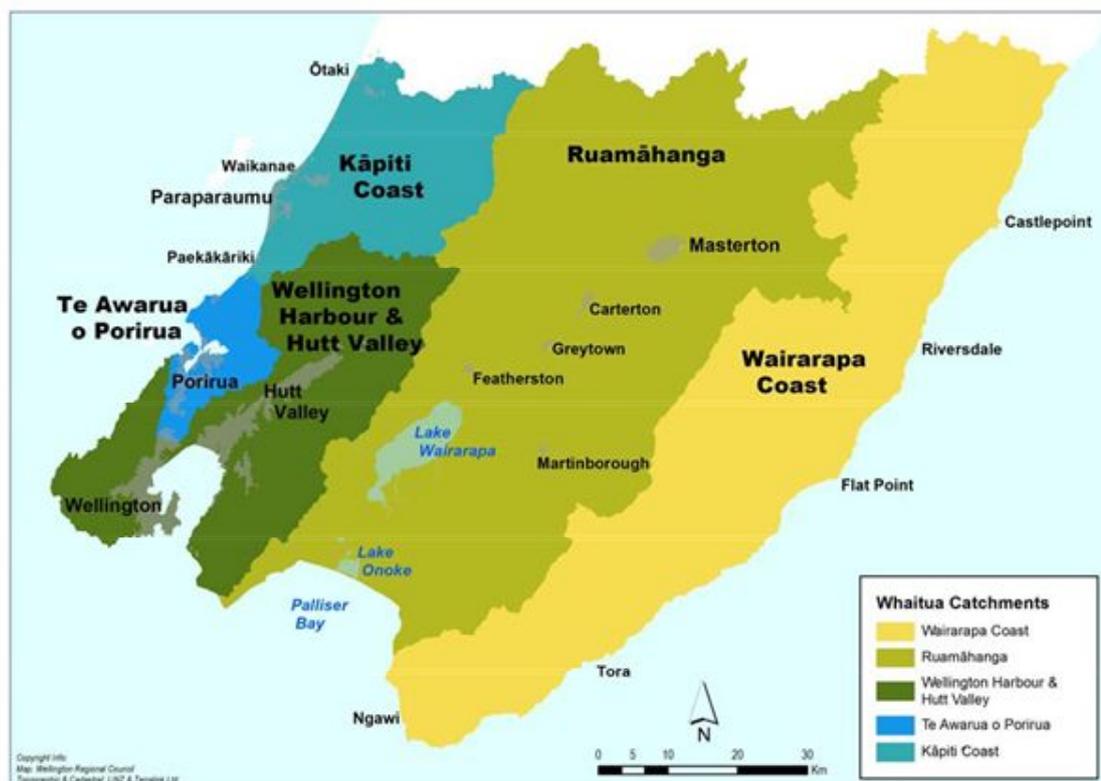
Over the next seven years, we will be introducing environmental limits for both water quantity and water quality. This will affect everyone in the region, urban and rural areas alike. These limits are being delivered via [Greater Wellington's Whaitua programme](#). The Wellington Region has been split into five whaitua (catchments) with a committee in each making decisions on the future of land and water management in that whaitua, including to deliver recommendations on the implementation of the NPS-FM policy CA2 to set freshwater objectives for all freshwater management units.

The following whaitua committees have been established:

- [Ruamāhanga Whaitua](#) – established December 2013
- [Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua](#) – established December 2014

The following three committees to be established are:

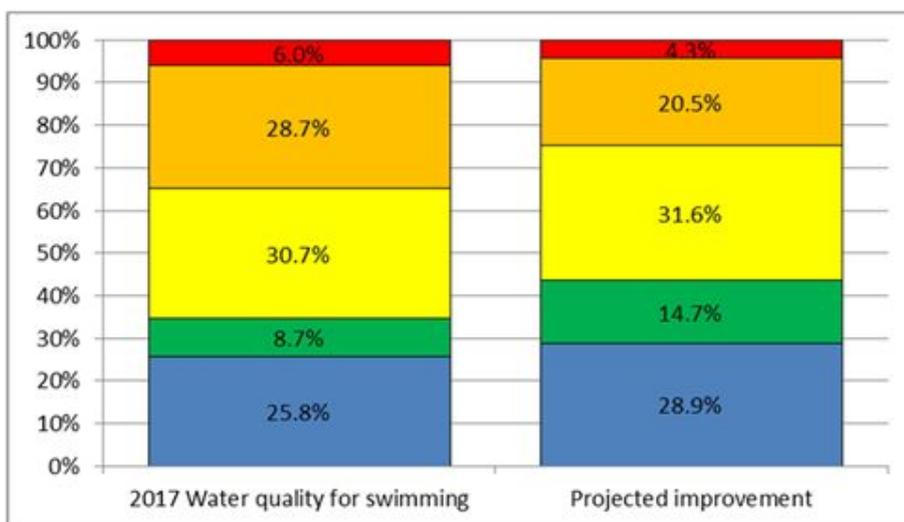
- Wellington Harbour/Hutt Valley Whaitua
- Kāpiti Coast Whaitua
- Wairarapa Coast Whaitua.



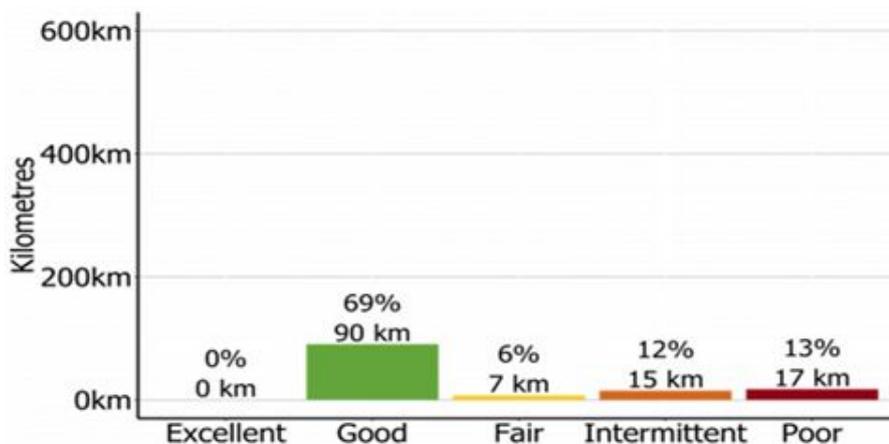
An important aspect to note is that the actions that will result from the limits set by the whaitua programme are not included in the modelled draft regional targets.

Draft regional targets

The primary contact draft regional targets for the Wellington region, based on modelling by MfE of programmes underway (excluding the Whaitua programme), are for 75% of rivers that are fourth order or larger to be in the blue, green or yellow category in terms of *E. coli*, by 2030 (shown in the graph below).



The work did not model the projected improvement in water quality for swimming in lakes, but the current state is that 75% of lakes in the Wellington Region are in the blue green or yellow category, based on E coli and toxic algae counts.



Regional process from here

The modelling undertaken shows that we can, with our planned and committed actions over the years, reach a draft target of 75% swimmable rivers for the region by 2030. This shows that the rules in the proposed Natural Resources Plan do improve rivers for swimming. We can anticipate our whitua process will improve swimming quality further.

We are interested in exploring further how the programmes and projects which are underway, and the new initiatives planned for the future, will further improve the ability of the region to meet the swimming targets. As the targets are currently in draft form there is the chance to refine where we want the improvements to happen.

- We are approaching this work with the results of what you have told us from the recently undertaken ‘What Spot’ survey which asked the community not only where you like to swim now, but where you would also like to swim. We will look at the reasons why not - is it because of water quality or other issues such as access?

- We will have a regional scale map of the modelled improvements with committed work and stock exclusion regulations so we can a clearer indication of where the modelling tells us the gains are likely to be.
- The proposed Natural Resources Plan has time bound rules for excluding stock from many rural waterways and the Council supports this work with an assisted funding programme and riparian planting in addition to the anticipated national stock exclusion regulations.
- Improvements to our urban infrastructure networks and especially for stormwater discharges will be required through consent processes. These improvements are an expensive undertaking and the costs have not been fully accounted for in the model. To improve urban waterways and the eventual coastal water quality the community will need to recognise and support the funding requirements.
- Municipal wastewater discharges to freshwater are to be improved in quality and increasingly discharged to land over time. Again the community will need to recognise and support the funding requirements.
- Toxic algae in our rivers are a health hazard which affects the public use of waterways. We will continue to research the dynamics of these algal growth and potential mitigation.
- We will be reassessing our recreational water quality monitoring programme to make sure it can give us the information to show progress towards the targets.

Next steps

Are we on the right track to improve water quality for swimming?

We will continue to debate the draft targets and the issues with interest groups, key stakeholders and the whitua committees over the next six months before finalising our regional input to the national targets.



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Committee Council
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Proposed variation to the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2015: State Highway LED Street Lighting Conversion

1. Purpose

To seek Council's approval for the proposed variation of the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 described in this report.

2. Consideration by Committee

The matters raised in this report were considered by the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) at its meeting on 13 March 2018 (Report 18.46 refers). The recommendations contained in this report have been endorsed by the RTC, for the Council's consideration and decision.

3. Background

3.1 The Regional Land Transport Programme

The current Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 (RLTP) was prepared by the RTC, and subsequently approved by Council in April 2015.

The RLTP contains all the land transport activities proposed to be undertaken throughout the Region over six financial years, and the regional priority of significant activities (costing >\$5m).

The activities in the RLTP are submitted by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) and 'Approved Organisations' (including the eight territorial authorities and GWRC).

4. Process for considering a variation

The Land Transport Management Act 2003 (the Act)¹ includes provision for changes to some types of activities without the need for a variation to the RLTP. However, this provision does not apply to the activity that is the subject of this report.

Section 18D of the Act states that if a good reason exists to do so, the RTC may prepare a variation to its RLTP during the six years to which it applies.

¹ As amended by the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2013.

This can be at the request of an Approved Organisation, or the NZTA, or on the RTC's own motion.

Once the RTC has considered and endorsed the variation, it is then forwarded to Council for approval. As is the case with the programme itself, Council must either accept the recommendation, or it can refer the variation back to the RTC once, with a request that it be reconsidered.

5. Proposed variation

The details of the proposed variation to be considered by Council at this meeting are set out in the table below:

Name of activity: State Highway LED Street Lighting Conversion

Request by: NZTA

Description of variation: To add a new, previously unidentified, activity to the six year programme. The project involves replacing old sodium streetlights across the Wellington Region state highway network with LEDs.

Reason for the variation: A variation to the current 2015-18 programme is requested in order to start the lighting design work within the 2017/18 financial year. This will allow installation of new LEDs to begin in July 2018, linking to the end of the currently ongoing local road LED replacement programme. Funding for LED renewals from July 2018 onwards is included in the proposed 2018-21 programme as part of the RLTP mid-term review.

A business case for LED replacement on the national state highway network was developed in November 2016 which identified that an accelerated LED retrofit programme will result in energy and maintenance cost savings, enhanced road safety and reduced road crime through better quality lighting, and environmental and social benefits from reduced spill light.

Details of the subject activity: There are approximately 3,400 street lights along the state highway network that require replacement within the Wellington Region. The project includes LED lighting design, supply, and installation.

Estimated total cost: \$131,300 is proposed to be spent in 2017/18. The total cost of the project is \$7.6m over the three years of the 2018-21 RLTP programme.

Proposed timing and cash-flow: Design work is proposed to take place in 2017/18 to enable the physical replacement of street lights to begin in July 2018.

Funding sources: The total cost for this project will be 100% funded by NZTA.

Full details of the proposed variation for inclusion in Figure 50 of the RLTP 2015 are set out in [Attachment 1](#) to this report.

6. Determination of Significance

The significance policy for proposed variations to the RLTP is set out in Appendix B (page 191) of the RLTP 2015. The RTC has assessed the significance of the proposed variation, for the purpose of consultation, against the RLTP significance policy.

A record of the key factors considered by the RTC in making that determination of significance is provided in the tables below:

1) Key considerations in determining significance – Would the proposed variation:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materially change the balance of strategic investment? 	No	The proposed cost variation of \$7.6 million associated with this activity is not considered to materially change the overall balance of strategic investment in the context of the \$1.3 billion programme cost.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negatively impact on the contribution to Government or GPS objectives and priorities? 	No	The proposed variation supports the Government Policy Statement's strategic objective on value for money through the construction of improved lighting with lower whole of life energy and maintenance costs. Also, better light quality will lead to increased public safety.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affect residents? (moderate impact on large number of residents or major impact on a small number of residents considered to be of more significance than those of minor impact) 	No	The variation would have a relatively minor impact on residents of properties adjacent to the highways due to changes in lighting levels. The works will be undertaken within the existing road corridor and are not intended to directly affect properties. Where lighting is close to neighbouring residential properties, LED lighting will be designed to avoid spill light in excess of the current lighting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affect the integrity of the RLTP, including its overall affordability? 	No	The proposed variation is not expected to affect the integrity of the RLTP or its overall affordability.

2) Several types of variations are considered to be generally not significant in their own right. Is the proposed variation:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An activity in the urgent interests of public safety? 	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A small scope change costing less than 10% of estimated total cost, or less than \$20M 	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement of a project within a group of generic projects by another project? 	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A change of the duration or priority of an activity in the programme which does not substantially alter the balance of the magnitude and timing of activities in the programme? 	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The addition of an activity previously consulted on in accordance with sections 18 and 18A of the Act and which comply with section 20 of the Act? 	No
<i>Note: A variation that is assessed as meeting any one of these criteria will generally not be considered significant, however the key considerations in the first table should still be assessed.</i>	
3) Other considerations –	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the likely impacts time delays or 	Delays at this stage will delay the implementation of the

cost on public safety, economic social, environmental wellbeing as a consequence of undertaking consultation?	project and the associated road safety and energy efficiency benefits.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the relative costs and benefits of consultation? 	Due to the minor impact of the project, and the consequences of delays to the project, the associated costs are considered to significantly outweigh the benefits of public consultation on the variation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To what extent has consultation with the community or relevant stakeholders been undertaken already? 	<p>This project has been discussed in liaison meetings between NZTA and local authorities in the region.</p> <p>Local authorities have been consulting within their communities for local road LED renewals. NZTA will work with local authorities to include highway lighting renewals in their consultation.</p>

Conclusion: The variation is therefore **not** considered to be significant for the purpose of requiring consultation.

7. Next Steps

Once the variation has been approved by Council, the variation is then forwarded to the NZTA for consideration, for inclusion in the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) for funding.

There is no obligation for the NZTA to vary the NLTP by including the new activity. However, it must give written reasons for any decision not to do so.

8. Consideration of Climate Change

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers in accordance with the process set out in the GWRC Climate Change Consideration Guide.

8.1 Mitigation assessment

Mitigation assessments are concerned with the effect of the matter on the climate (i.e. the greenhouse gas emissions generated or removed from the atmosphere as a consequence of the matter) and the actions taken to reduce, neutralise or enhance that effect.

Officers have considered the effect of the matter on the climate. As this is a procedural matter, officers recommend that the matter will have no effect.

Officers note that the project, once operational, is expected to reduce emissions through more efficient use of the energy used to power the new LED street lights.

8.2 Adaptation assessment

Adaptation assessments relate to the impacts of climate change (e.g. sea level rise or an increase in extreme weather events), and the actions taken to address or avoid those impacts.

Officers recommend that climate change impacts have no direct relevance to the matters addressed by this paper.

9. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

9.1 Significance of the decision

The matter for decision in this report has been assessed to be of low significance.

The decision-making process is subject to the legislative requirements of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Sections 18D and 18B of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 sets out the process to be followed for variations to regional land transport plans. Variations may be prepared by regional transport committees. The Council is required to approve any proposed variations. If the Council does not wish to approve proposed variations, it must refer the proposed variation back to the RTC.

9.2 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is not considered necessary.

10. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees to adopt the variation to the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 as set out in **Attachment 1**.*
4. *Agrees to forward the variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 to the NZ Transport Agency, requesting it be included in the National Land Transport Programme.*

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Attachment 1: Proposed variation to the Wellington RLTP 2015: State Highway LED Street Lighting Conversion

Proposed variation to RLTP 2015

Organisation: New Zealand Transport Agency														
Activity Name	Stage	Expected start year	Duration (months)	Cost (\$m) 2015/16	Cost (\$m) 2016/17	Cost (\$m) 2017/18	Cost (\$m) 2018/19	Cost (\$m) 2019/20	Cost (\$m) 2020/21	6 year cost (\$m)	10 year projected cost (\$m)	Delivery against strategic objectives	Assessment Profile ***	Funding Source(s)
State Highway LED Street Lighting Conversion	Implementation	2018	42	0	0	0.13	2.5	2.5	2.5	7.6	7.6	4, 5 and 8	HHH	National
Significant activity?		No	If Yes, what is the recommended priority ranking: n/a											

Key:

Strategic Objectives that projects are assessed against in terms of project primary delivery goals	* Estimated year 6 construction and property cost ** Estimated year 10 construction and property cost *** Three letter assessment profile based on NZTA requirements. Strategic Fit, Effectiveness and Economic Efficiency.
1 = A high quality, reliable public transport network	Significant activity definition = Any large new improvement projects that have a total cost greater than \$5million.
2 = A reliable and effective strategic road network	
3 = An effective network for the movement of freight	
4 = A safe system for all users of the regional transport network	
5 = An increasingly resilient transport network	
6 = A well planned, connected and integrated transport network	
7 = An attractive and safe walking and cycling network	
8 = An efficient and optimised transport system that minimises the impact on the environment	



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Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group - Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

To adopt the terms of reference for the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group (Working Group).

2. Consideration by Committee

The matters contained in this report were considered by the Environment Committee (the Committee) at its meeting on 22 March 2018, in Report 18.80. The recommendations contained in this report reflect those resolutions made by the Committee.

3. Background

At meeting of the Committee on 11 September 2017, Councillors considered the proposal to establish a Working Group and recommended to Council that two representatives (a representative and an alternate) be appointed to act as Climate Change Action Leader/s, and represent this Council on the Working Group. Councillors Kedgley and Blakely were recommended by the Committee and subsequently confirmed by the Council. The Working Group met on 4 December and 16 March.

Further background on the rationale for the Working Group can be found in Report 17.336.

The Working Group is operating under a draft terms of reference that its members collaboratively developed and agreed. Each Council is now considering formal adoption of the terms of reference, or has already adopted them. The draft terms of reference are included as [Attachment 1](#) to this report.

4. Comment

The objectives of the Working Group encompass climate change mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and adaptation (preparing for impacts

such as sea level rise drought and enhanced natural hazards effects). The Working Group primarily serves an information-sharing and co-ordination role. While it can recommend actions to its member councils, there is no delegation of decision-making authority to the Working Group, and such recommendations would be considered and adopted by each council individually if they chose, within a timeframe that meets individual councils' needs.

Three nominees for representatives are being sought from Ara Tahi in accordance with the Working Group's draft terms of reference. Confirmation of these appointments will be sought from Council on 24 May 2018 if the terms of reference are adopted.

5. Communication

The representatives of the other member councils of the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group will be informed of the outcome of this decision.

6. Consideration of climate change

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers in accordance with the process set out in the GWRC Climate Change Consideration Guide.

6.1 Mitigation and adaptation assessment

Officers have considered the impacts of climate change in relation to the matter. As set out in the terms of reference for the Working Group (Attachment 1), the network discuss issues, share information, and where appropriate, achieve a consistent approach across all jurisdictions on climate change mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and adaptation (preparing for impacts such as sea level rise, drought and enhanced natural hazards effects). It is envisaged that the Working Group will therefore positively influence climate change mitigation and adaptation.

7. The decision-making process and significance

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

7.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington Regional Council to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low

significance. The proposed Working Group will be a collaborative Working Group of the councils of the Region, not a formal Joint Committee. Recommendations of the Working Group would be considered by each council.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

7.2 Engagement

Engagement on the matters contained in this report aligns with the level of significance assessed. In accordance with the significance and engagement policy, no engagement on the matters for decision is required.

8. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. **Receives** the report.*
- 2. **Notes** the content of the report.*
- 3. **Adopts** the terms of reference for the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group, included as Attachment 1.*

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Attachment 1: Draft terms of reference for the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group

Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

To provide a forum via which councils and mana whenua from across the Wellington Region can network, discuss issues, share information and where appropriate, achieve a consistent approach across all jurisdictions on climate change **mitigation** (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and **adaptation** (preparing for impacts such as sea level rise, drought and enhanced natural hazards effects).

2. Background

Councils in the Wellington Region are addressing a broad range of climate change related issues with individual councils implementing initiatives designed to reduce emissions and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate.

At a meeting in August 2017 representatives from councils across the region agreed that each council would benefit from participating in a regional working group that would provide coordination, facilitate joined up action and enable consistent leadership, advocacy and communications in relation to climate change.

3. Membership:

The Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group (the Working Group) will include one main and one alternate elected member from each council in the Wellington region¹ and three mana whenua representatives from Ara Tahi.²

4. Arrangements

The Working Group is a collaborative work group made up of representatives from each of the councils of the Wellington Region and mana whenua; it is not a joint committee, and any recommendations of the Working Group would be for consideration by each council³

¹ Greater Wellington Regional Council; Wellington City Council; Hutt City Council; Upper Hutt City Council; Porirua City Council; Kapiti Coast District Council; Masterton District Council; Carterton District Council; South Wairarapa District Council

² Ara Tahi is a leadership forum of Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and its six mana whenua partners who meet to discuss strategic issues of mutual interest (Ara Tahi membership comprises two representatives from each mana whenua authority, two GWRC Councillors and GWRC's Chief Executive). GWRC will appoint up to three representatives from Ara Tahi, one each representing: East Coast: Wairarapa; West Coast: Otaki to Porirua; Central: Wellington and Hutt Valley. Ara Tahi representatives are entitled to receive GWRC's standard daily meeting fee and mileage allowances for each meeting they attend.

³ Including any consultation process that is appropriate to that council

The workload will be shared across the councils of the region – arranging and hosting meetings on a roster basis.

The Working Group will meet four times a year, on a quarterly basis.

The Working Group will agree at the beginning of each year where and when meetings are to be held. At any time during the year a member of the Working Group or a council officer can make a recommendation that the meeting date or location should change. The request will need to receive support from the majority to change.

5. Participation

Main and/or alternate council representatives will attend meetings and participate in activities relevant to their council. They will report to their respective councils about Working Group activities and will champion recommendations as appropriate their council.

Ara Tahi representatives will attend meetings and participate in activities relevant to their allocated area (East Coast: Wairarapa; West Coast: Otaki to Porirua; Central: Wellington and Hutt Valley). They will report to Ara Tahi and will champion recommendations as appropriate to their allocated area.

When relevant, additional Councillors from each council and/or representatives of the six mana whenua partners represented by Ara Tahi are welcome to attend meetings.

Relevant stakeholder groups can be invited to attend meetings.

6. Chair

A Chair and Deputy Chair will be elected by the main representatives (an alternate may vote on behalf of an absent main representative). A new Chair and Deputy Chair will be elected at least once every triennium following local government elections.

7. Administrative support:

Each council will ensure that the representatives participating in the Working Group are sufficiently supported by officers from their council. Greater Wellington Regional Council will support the Ara Tahi representatives in this regard.

Each council will provide reports and advice to the Working Group as required.

Secretariat support (i.e. developing the agenda and associated content) for meetings will be provided by Greater Wellington Regional Council. The host council will provide administrative support (i.e. venue, catering and logistical support).

8. Objectives

The objectives of the Working Group encompass climate change **mitigation** (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and **adaptation** (preparing for impacts such as sea level rise drought and enhanced natural hazards effects). The objectives are:

- a. Provide a forum for the region's councils and mana whenua to network, discuss issues, share information and build capability
- b. Provide a regional forum for dialogue with stakeholders
- c. Provide oversight of strategies, plans, research and initiatives being implemented or developed by councils within the region⁴ and where appropriate, align these activities to achieve greater consistency and efficiency
- d. Utilise the full range of skills and capabilities available in the region's local authorities and amongst other organisations to address the economic, social, environmental and cultural opportunities and consequences related to climate change
- e. Initiate joint projects/initiatives/campaigns that impact on, or require the active involvement of more than one local authority (by for example sharing capacity, budgets or joint steering committee)
- f. Enable the development of regionally consistent recommendations that could be considered and adopted by each council individually (within a timeframe that meets individual councils' needs)
- g. Act as a reference group to ensure consistent, integrated and coherent messaging for climate change related outreach and awareness-raising activities
- h. Provide a platform for joint advocacy and leadership – enabling the region's councils to speak with one voice when appropriate⁵ (for example by advocating to central government through the preparation of joint submissions on policy proposals)
- i. Enable the development and dissemination of joint communications to the public

⁴ Including the climate change related work progressed via the Regional Natural Hazards Management Strategy

⁵ This approach would be consistent with that set out in the LGNZ Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration 2017



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Committee	Council
Author	Cr Chris Laidlaw, Council Chair

2018 Local Government New Zealand national conference and Annual General Meeting

1. Purpose

To seek approval for Councillor attendance at the 2018 Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) national conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM), and delegated authority for Council representatives to act as delegates at the Annual General Meeting.

2. Background and comment

The LGNZ national conference and AGM will be held in Christchurch from 15 to 17 July. Greater Wellington Regional Council is entitled to have four delegates (including officers) at the AGM and must nominate:

- the Presiding Delegate (the person responsible for voting on behalf of the Council at the AGM)
- one or more Alternate Delegates (person/s responsible for voting on behalf of the Council if the Presiding Delegate is absent from the AGM).

It is normal procedure for this council to send the Chair, the Chief Executive, and either one or two other councillors as delegates.

3. Communication

The Council's decision will be communicated to LGNZ.

4. Consideration of Climate change

The matters addressed in this report have been considered in accordance with the process set out in the GWRC Climate Change Consideration Guide.

4.1 Mitigation assessment

The effect of the matters on the climate has been considered. It is considered that the matters will have no effect.

The matter does not affect the Council's interests in the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and/or the Permanent Forest Sink Initiative (PFSI).

4.2 Adaptation assessment

The impacts of climate change in relation to the matter have been considered. It is recommended that climate change be considered to have no bearing on the matter.

5. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

5.1 Significance of the decision

The significance of the matter has been considered, taking into account the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines. Due to the procedural nature of this decision it is recommended that the matter be considered to have low significance.

A formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is not required in this instance.

5.2 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Approves the attendance of Councillors Laidlaw, Blakeley and Brash, and Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, at the 2018 LGNZ national conference and Annual General Meeting.***
4. ***Nominates Councillor Laidlaw as the Presiding Delegate for voting on behalf of the Council at the 2018 LGNZ Annual General Meeting.***
5. ***Nominates Councillors Blakeley and Brash, and Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, as Alternate Delegates for voting on behalf of the Council at the 2018 LGNZ Annual General Meeting if Councillor Laidlaw is absent from the Annual General Meeting.***

Report prepared by:

Cr Chris Laidlaw

Council Chair



Report	18.103
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Committee	Council
Author	Mike Timmer, Treasurer

Remit on climate change investment issues

1. Purpose

For Council to adopt a remit for consideration at the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual General Meeting on 15 July 2018.

2. Background

Council has been an advocate for discouraging the use of fossil fuels due to their impact on the environment, in particular global climate change.

As part of this initiative officers have been active in monitoring the banks that GWRC deals with to signal our stance of discouraging the support of industries that are involved with the extraction of fossil fuels and investment in fossil fuel technologies.

Council recently approved an update to GWRC's Treasury Risk Management Policy; the policy now includes the following section:

"Investments in fossil fuels

The Council has a policy to divest from any direct investment in fossil fuel extraction industries and investigate existing non direct investment with a view to preventing future investment where practical."

Officers took this opportunity to provide Council's stand point again to the banks and pointed out we had now formally included our stance in GWRC's Treasury Risk Management Policy.

3. Proposal for a remit

A proposal to provide a remit was discussed at the recent Environment Committee meeting on 22 March under the regional climate change working group item, with Councillor Blakeley proposing a draft Remit as follows:

Greater Wellington Regional Council asks that LGNZ, consistent with the Local Government Position Statement on Climate Change 2017 and the Local Government Leaders' Declaration on Climate Change 2017, advocates to all major banks that they transition away from investments in



fossil fuel industries, and consider opportunities for long-term investments in low- or zero-carbon energy systems.

The idea of a remit was also discussed at the Greater Wellington Regional Working Group on Climate Change on 16 March where all nine Councils from the region were present.

The proposal of a remit was strongly supported and it was suggested that formal support from all councils in the Wellington Region, which are all members of Zone 4, be sought.

The draft remit and background information was circulated to all members of the Regional Working Group for comment, and formally sent by the Chair of GWRC to the Mayors of the Zone 4 councils to seek their support.

All remits must be submitted to LGNZ by 5pm, Monday 21 May 2018. This is before the date of the next Zone 4 meeting. Therefore, GWRC will need to get the support of five councils for the remit. Officers will provide an update to Councillors on whether the required level of support has been reached.

4. Communication

Subject to the remit receiving the support of five councils it will be submitted to LGNZ.

5. Consideration of Climate Change

The matters addressed in this report have been considered by officers in accordance with the process set out in the GWRC Climate Change Consideration Guide.

5.1 Mitigation assessment

Mitigation assessments are concerned with the effect of the matter on the climate (i.e. the greenhouse gas emissions generated or removed from the atmosphere as a consequence of the matter) and the actions taken to reduce, neutralise or enhance that effect.

Officers have considered the effect of the matters on the climate. Officers consider that the matters could assist with reducing greenhouse gases over time.

Officers note that the matter does not affect the Council's interests in the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and/or the Permanent Forest Sink Initiative (PFSI).

5.2 Adaptation assessment

Adaptation assessments relate to the impacts of climate change (e.g. sea level rise or an increase in extreme weather events), and the actions taken to address or avoid those impacts.



Officers have considered the impacts of climate change in relation to adaptation matters. Officers consider that while the matters could assist with reducing greenhouse gases over time, they do not have a direct effect on adaptation.

6. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington Regional Council to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

7. Engagement

Engagement on the matters contained in this report aligns with the level of significance assessed. In accordance with the significance and engagement policy, no engagement on the matters for decision is required.

8. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Adopts the remit set out in [Attachment 1](#) for consideration at the LGNZ 2018 Annual General Meeting.***
4. ***Subject to the support of five councils being received for the remit, requests officers to submit the remit to LGNZ.***



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Report prepared by:

Mike Timmer
Treasurer

Report approved by:

Dave Humm
General Manager, Corporate Services/
Chief Financial Officer

Attachment 1 : Remit to LGNZ

Attachment 2 : Attachment to LGNZ Remit

Annual General Meeting 2018

Remit application

Council Proposing Remit:	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Contact Name:	Dr Roger Blakeley, Councillor
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Email:	roger.blakeley@gw.govt.nz
Fax:	
Remit passed by: (Zone/Sector meeting and/or list five councils as per policy)	To be added
Remit: Greater Wellington Regional Council asks that LGNZ, consistent with the Local Government Position Statement on Climate Change 2017 and the Local Government Leaders' Climate Change Declaration 2017, advocate to all major banks that they transition away from investments in fossil fuel industries, and consider opportunities for long-term investments in low- or zero-carbon energy systems.	

REMIT FROM GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO LGNZ 2018 AGM

Background information and research

1. Nature of the Issue

Climate change has been described as “a slow motion disaster that will change our lives, the economy, and our planet forever”. The previous Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment Dr Jan Wright said that climate change is “by far New Zealand’s worst environmental problem”. The effects of climate change are already being felt globally and in New Zealand through: increased frequency of extreme weather events including storms, cyclones, tornadoes and droughts; wildfires; and rising sea levels.

Climate Change will have major impacts on areas of responsibility of local government. Over the next few decades, tens of thousands of New Zealanders will be displaced from their homes by threatened inundation by rising sea levels. Local government has the responsibility to manage, at regional, city and district levels, land use planning including requirements for coastal protection or managed retreat to ensure future residential and business development and infrastructure is located away from areas that will be inundated. Local government therefore has a very high interest in measures being taken to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, in accordance with NZ’s commitments under the Paris Agreement of 12 December 2015, and subsequent commitments by the Government.

2. Background to its being raised

Greater Wellington Regional Council has recently updated its Treasury Risk Management Policy and has included a section:

“5.3 Investments in fossil fuels The Council has a policy to divest from any direct investment in fossil fuel extraction industries and investigate existing non direct investment, with a view to preventing future investment where practical”.

The Council’s Treasurer has taken the opportunity to advise banks of this policy as part of Council’s on-going commitment to reducing carbon emissions and promoting this to the wider community. It has also advised the banks that as part of its on-going due diligence into this matter, it will continue to monitor the banks it transacts with to ascertain what they are doing to assist with reducing and discouraging the on-going use and investment in fossil fuel industries.

3. New or confirming existing policy

Local Government recognises, as stated in the Local Government Position Statement on Climate Change, 2017, and the Local Government Leaders’ Climate Change Declaration, 2017, that we must act on climate change now to avoid future risk. Local authorities have accepted that they are at the frontline of climate change adaptation and have a role to play in mitigation, and that their responsibilities will grow in addressing climate change as both anticipated and unforeseen problems are revealed. Local government has a strong interest in the impacts of climate change and what can be done to mitigate those impacts.

Support for this remit will reinforce the Local Government Leaders’ Climate Change Declaration 2017, which included: “A clear and consistent pathway toward a low carbon and resilient future needs to provide certainty for successive governments,

businesses and communities to enable transformative decisions and investments to be made over time”.

4. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

LGNZ has climate change as a project in its Work Programme. This remit relates to the following objectives of the project:

- *Climate Change Action*: “Actions to reduce emissions”
- *A Collaborative Approach*: “A collaborative and joint response to climate change, including a clear pathway to a low carbon economy”
- *Key work streams*: “Mitigating the impacts of climate change”
- *Supporting work*: “The sector will contribute to the Productivity Commission’s inquiry into NZ’s transition to a low-emissions economy”.

5. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

On 19 October 2016, the NZ\$30 billion NZ Super Fund announced changes to become more resilient to climate change investment risk under a new strategy announced by the Guardians of New Zealand Superannuation.

CEO Adrian Orr said climate change was a material investment issue with risks for long-horizon investors. “In coming years the global energy system will transition away from fossil fuels. Some assets we invest in today may become uneconomic, made obsolete or face a dwindling market.”

“Climate change, and the coming transition to a low-carbon energy system, also present investment opportunities for long-term investors that we intend to capture”. Mr Orr said the strategy represented a significant and fundamental shift for the NZ Super Fund.

The New Zealand Super Fund has set an example for banks and other investment fund managers. The effect of this remit will be to reinforce to major banks the strategic importance and benefits of a shift of investments away from fossil fuel industries and towards long-term investments in low- or zero-carbon energy systems.

The banks that Council deals with have a range of appetites in terms of dealing with climate change issues, with them all formally acknowledging the issues of climate change.

The four Australian banks that Council deals with all have exposures in the billions of dollars to the coal mining sector. They all have some statement on environmental/climate/sustainability on their websites and in their financial statements. They all support the position on climate change and the need to reduce greenhouse gases.

Westpac is a leader having been recognised as the world’s most sustainable bank in 2016 for the ninth time and has a focus on energy efficient lending, and is the only bank to publish its exposures to both the fossil fuel and clean tech/environmental service sectors.

Kiwibank has little or no exposure to direct lending to fossil fuel industries as its focus is primarily on residential lending. They provide sustainable energy loans and their guiding principles espouse an ethical approach to their products and services.

The LGFA, while not having a formal policy on climate change, is presently considering one as part of its work programme. They have no investments in fossil fuel industries.

6. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

The current Government announced shortly after it took office in November 2017 that it will introduce a Zero Carbon Bill with the objective of NZ becoming a net zero-emissions economy by 2050. It will also establish an independent Climate Commission to set five-yearly carbon budgets and a Green Investment Fund to direct investment towards low-emission industries.

This remit could make an important contribution to assisting the Government to meet the objective of a net zero-emissions economy by 2050, by encouraging banks to divest from investments in fossil fuel industries and instead direct investment to low- or zero-carbon energy systems.

7. Outcome of any prior discussion at a Zone/Sector meeting

The proposal for this Remit was discussed at the first Greater Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group meeting on Friday 16 March 2018, which included representatives of all 9 councils within the Greater Wellington Region. There was strong support for the remit from the councils. The next Zone 4 Meeting is not until after the deadline for submission of remits for the 2018 AGM of LGNZ, so it was agreed that Greater Wellington Regional Council will send the proposed remit to all councils within Zone 4 seeking their support. *(Note: this paragraph will be updated once replies have been received from all councils and before the date for submission of 21 May 2018)*

8. Evidence of support from Zone/Sector meeting or five councils

(Note: this paragraph will be updated once replies have been received from all councils and before the date for submission of 21 May 2018)

9. Suggested course of action envisaged

The following action is envisaged, if this remit is passed:

- The President of LGNZ will write to the NZ Local Government Funding Agency, and all major banks in NZ which manage investment funds on behalf of local authorities, to advocate that they transition away from investments in fossil fuel industries and consider opportunities for long term investments in low- or zero-carbon energy systems.



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Committee Council
Author Luke Troy, General Manager, Strategy

Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 13 March 2018.

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of 13 March 2018.

2. Public participation

There was no public participation.

3. Reports

3.1 Draft Government Policy Statement

David Eyre, Principal Analyst, Ministry of Transport, updated the Committee on the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS). He advised that the draft document will be released near the end of March and will be out for engagement for four weeks. The final GPS is expected to go to Cabinet in June.

David Eyre advised the Committee that following this there will be another GPS that will incorporate even broader changes. Mr Eyre also drew the Committee's attention to the Safety Summit being held by the Minister of Transport on 9 April 2018. This will discuss the GPS and the road safety strategy.

3.2 Let's Get Wellington Moving programme update

Barry Mein, Programme Director, Let's Get Wellington Moving, gave an oral report to the Committee advising that a Feedback Report was being publicly released that day. He also outlined the main themes arising from feedback on the various scenarios the public had been provided with.

3.3 Public Transport Transformation Programme Update

Deb Hume, Public Transport Transition Programme Director, gave an oral report to the Committee. This covered the new Metlink network and the upcoming changes. It was confirmed for the Committee that from 15 July 2018 all buses operating will be wheelchair accessible.

3.4 NZTA projects update

Emma Speight, Regional Relationships Lower North Island Director, NZTA, gave an oral report to the Committee on NZTA projects, including an update on the National Land Transport Programme. The NZTA Board meets in April.

3.5 Regional Land Transport Plan update

Helen Chapman, Senior Transport Planner, gave an oral report to the Committee on the draft GPS and a summary of RLTP submissions. Helen advised the Committee that there will be a report in April with detailed analysis of submissions and that some submitters wish to speak at the April meeting.

4. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

4.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

Report prepared by:

Luke Troy
General Manager, Strategy

Report approved by:

Barbara Donaldson
Chair, Regional Transport
Committee

Exclusion of the public**Report 18.99**

That the Council:

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

- 1. Increase in Banking Facilities*
- 2. Property Agreement – Belmont*

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 grounds 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:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p><i>1. Increase in Banking Facilities.</i></p>	<p><i>The information contained in this report relates to Greater Wellington Regional Council's banking facilities and pricing. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the banking providers' commercial position. GWRC 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.</i></p>	<p><i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Act (i.e. enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)).</i></p>
<p><i>2. Property Agreement – Belmont.</i></p>	<p><i>The information contained in this report relates to a proposed contractual arrangement on land owned by Greater Wellington Regional Council. The report outlines terms of a proposed agreement which includes details of the commercial terms. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage Greater Wellington Regional Council's expectations as to the final terms and conditions that</i></p>	<p><i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect information where the making available of that information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person</i></p>

would be acceptable to Greater Wellington Regional Council. Greater Wellington Regional 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 this prejudice.

who supplied or is the subject of the information).