

Report 20.484

Public minutes of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting on 26 November 2020

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 1.03pm.

Members Present

Martin Matthews (Chair) Councillor Kirk-Burnnand (Deputy Chair) Councillor Blakeley Councillor Connelly Councillor Hughes Councillor Lamason

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Connelly to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

The Committee Chair advised that meeting proceedings would differ from the published agenda. Item 7 on the agenda would be taken last to accommodate an external speaker, and an additional item, an oral item from Wellington Water Limited, would be discussed in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.6.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of 20 October 2020 – Report 20.409

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Lamason

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of 20 October 2020 – Report 20.409. The motion was **carried**.

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5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 20 October 2020 – Report PE20.411

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Hughes

That the Committee confirms the Public Excluded minutes of 20 October 2020 – Report PE20.411.

The motion was carried.

6 Business Assurance update – November 2020 – Report 20.445

Mike Timmer, Treasurer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Blakeley

That the Committee approves the proposed timing and reorganised Internal Audit Plan.

The motion was carried.

7 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Update – Report 20.429 [For information]

Julie Barber, Manager, Health and Safety spoke to the report.

8 Harbour Management – Compliance and Risk Update (November 2020) – Report 20.456 [For information]

Grant Nalder, Manager, Harbours (Harbourmaster), spoke to the report.

9 Wellington Water Risk Presentation – Oral Report

Tonia Haskell, General Manager, Development and Delivery, Garry Butler, Senior Business Assurance Advisor, Jeremy McKibbin, General Manager, Network Management and Fraser Clark, Principal Advisor, Strategy, from Wellington Water Limited, spoke to their presentation and provided the Committee with an update on operational risks.

The five key operational risks for Wellington Water were outlined as:

- Ability to deliver safe and healthy water now
- Ability to deliver safe and healthy water in the future
- Shortage of capability and capacity in the region to deliver water services
- COVID-19
- Environmental impact of aging wastewater network.

The speakers provided an update to the Committee on tools and methods being utilised by Wellington Water to manage and mitigate risk.

10 Draft 2019/20 Annual Report – Report 20.461

Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the report and introduced Clint Ramoo, Audit Director, AuditNZ, who spoke to the report.

Mr Ramoo advised the Committee on the progress of the audits of Greater Wellington Rail, WRC Holdings and Greater Wellington. Mr Ramoo addressed the matters which are currently being considered for the finalisation of the audits.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Hughes

That the Committee:

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- 1 Notes that the audit is yet to be completed and that changes to the Annual Report may be required once the audit processes have been completed.
- 2 Recommends that Council:
 - Adopts the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020, subject to any changes required once the audit process has been completed.
 - Authorises the Council Chair and Chief Executive to make minor changes that may arise as part of finalising the audited Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020.

The motion was carried.

Noted: The Committee Chair requested that workshops be organised in 2021 for the Committee to input thinking around each of the main areas of the Committee's brief – Finance, Risk and Assurance.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair invited Cr Connelly to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 3.12pm.

Martin Matthews Chair

Date: 18 - 3 - 2021