

## **Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 29 June 2023**

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

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### **Members Present**

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

### **Karakia timatanga**

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

### **Public Business**

#### **1 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

#### **2 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

#### **3 Public participation**

There was no public participation.

**4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 15 June 2023 - Report 23.244**

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Laban

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 15 June 2023 - Report 23.244.

The motion was **carried**.

**5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 15 June 2023 - Report PE23.246**

Moved: Cr Laban / Cr Staples

That the Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 15 June 2023 - Report PE23.246.

The motion was **carried**.

**6 Confirmation of the Public Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting on 22 June 2023 - Report 23.295**

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Nash

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting on 22 June 2023 - Report 23.295.

The motion was **carried**.

## **Strategy, policy or major issues**

**7 Adoption of the 2023/24 Annual Plan – Report 23.257**

Zofia Miliszewska, Head of Strategy and Performance, Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Chief Financial Officer, and Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Staples

That Council:

- 1 Notes that in accordance with section 95(2A) of the Local Government Act 2002, formal public consultation was not undertaken in the preparation of the 2023/24 Annual Plan as no significant or material changes have been proposed from year three of Greater Wellington's 2021-31 Long Term Plan.
- 2 Adopts the 2023/24 Annual Plan (Attachment 1).
- 3 Authorises the Chief Executive the ability to make minor editorial changes to the 2023/24 Annual Plan prior to publication to correct errors and improve public understanding.

- 4 Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to enter into any debt facilities, or borrowing that are required to implement the 2023/24 Annual Plan that are in accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy.
- 5 Notes that separate reports are being considered at this Council meeting to set the:
  - a Wellington Regional Council rates for 2023/24 (Report 23.237)
  - b Wholesale water levy for 2023/24 (Report 23.284).

Moved as an amendment, to be an additional motion: Cr Gaylor / Cr Bassett

- 6 Directs the Chief Executive to prepare, as part of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 process, a report for a future Council meeting on the future financial impact on Wellington Regional Council rates of Let's Get Wellington Moving.

The amendment was put and was **carried**.

**Noted:** Councillors Duthie and Saw requested their votes against the amendment be recorded.

The substantive motion was put:

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The motion was **carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 10.29am and resumed at 10.46am.

## 8 Setting of Wellington Regional Council rates 2023/24 – Report 23.237

Alison Trustrum-Rainy, Chief Financial Officer, and Ashwin Pai, Financial Controller, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Saw

That Council:

- 1 Sets, pursuant to sections 23 and 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the rates as set out in Attachment 1 for the period commencing 1 July 2023 and concluding 30 June 2024, with all dollar amounts being inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- 2 Sets the instalment due dates as set out in Attachment 2.
- 3 Resolves, pursuant to sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to add penalties to unpaid rates as outlined in Attachment 2.
- 4 Requests officers to send a copy of these resolutions to all territorial authorities acting as Wellington Regional Council's agents for rates collection.
- 5 Requests officers to place these resolutions on Greater Wellington's website.

The motion was **carried**.

## 9 Wholesale water levy 2023/24 and end of year adjustment for levy 2022/2023 – Report 23.284

Sue McLean, Group Manager, Corporate Services, and Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Duthie

That Council:

- 1 Approves, pursuant to section 91 of the Wellington Regional Water Board Act 1972, the wholesale water contributions payable by constituent authorities for 2023/24 as follows:

	<b>2023/24 Levy</b>	
	<b>\$ (GST exclusive)</b>	
Hutt City Council	14,309,064	
Porirua City Council	6,375,180	
Upper Hutt City Council	6,187,300	
Wellington City Council	26,268,096	
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,139,640</b>	

- 2 Approves, the end of year adjustment levies for 2022/23 as follows:

	<b>2022/23 Adjustments</b>	
	<b>\$ (GST exclusive)</b>	
Hutt City Council	363,545	To Pay
Porirua City Council	74,545	To Pay
Upper Hutt City Council	285,199	To Pay

The motion was **carried**.

**10 Analysis of submissions on the proposed Significance and Engagement Policy – Report 23.181**

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

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Saw

That Council:

- 1 Considers the submissions on the proposed Significance and Engagement Policy (Attachments 1).
- 2 Agrees to the following changes to the proposed Significance and Engagement Policy:
  - a Adopts the preferred options as outlined in the table in paragraph 14, regarding both the proposed updates to the existing criteria used to measure the significance of decisions, issues, proposals and activities and the introduction of new criteria.
  - b Adopts the updated policy statement and approach to partnering with mana whenua as outlined in the table in paragraph 21.
- 3 Notes that final Significance and Engagement Policy will be presented to Council for adoption at a meeting later in the 2023 calendar year.

The motion was **carried**.

**11 Operative Natural Resources Plan – Report 23.194**

Fathima Iftikar, Director, Strategy, Policy and Regulation, and Paul Denton, Senior Policy Advisor, spoke to the report. Fathima Iftikar advised that the date referenced in recommendation 1 of the report should read “9 June 2023”.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Nash

That Council:

- 1 Notes that the Minister of Conservation approved the Regional Coastal Plan parts (provisions) of the Natural Resources Plan on 9 June 2023 in accordance with Clause 19 of Schedule 1, to the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 2 Approves the Natural Resources Plan, excluding the provisions of the Regional Coastal Plan already approved by the Minister of Conservation, in accordance with Clause 17 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991, by affixing the Seal of Council.
- 3 Agrees that the Natural Resources Plan shall become operative from 28 July 2023 in accordance with Clause 20 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.

The motion was **carried**.

**Noted:** Council and the Chief Executive acknowledged the contributions and work of previous Councillors, members of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee, and staff to the development of the Natural Resources Plan.

## Governance

### 12 Statements of Intent 2023-24– Report 23.288

Sarah Allen, Principal Advisor, Company Portfolio and Economic Development, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Nash

That Council receives the Statements of Intent (SOIs) for WRC Holdings and Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency, and the Statement of Trustee Intent (SOTI) for Wellington Regional Stadium Trust, for 2023-24.

The motion was **carried**.

### 13 Issue of additional unpaid share capital to fund Greater Wellington Rail Limited capital expenditure for 2022-23 – Report 23.254

Ashwin Pai, Financial Controller, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That Council:

- 1 Notes that the amount of \$18.0 million was originally required by GWRL to fund 2022/23 year capital expenditure.
- 2 Approves the additional amount of \$3 million required by GWRL to fund the 2022/23 year capital expenditure. This takes the total for the 2022/23 year to \$21.0 million.
- 3 Notes that GWRL's 2022/23 capital expenditure will be funded by:
  - a The issue of additional 3 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares by GWRL to WRCHL, and
  - b The issue of additional 3 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares by WRCHL to Council.
- 4 Approves the issue of additional 3 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares in WRCHL to Council.
- 5 Approves WRCHL approving the issue of additional 3 million unpaid ordinary \$1 shares in GWRL to WRCHL.
- 6 Authorises the Council Chair and Deputy Chair to sign the required Entitled Persons Agreement attached approving and consenting to the issue of shares on behalf of Council.
- 7 Authorises the Council Chair to sign the agreement attached for the issue of shares approving the basis upon which the respective WRCHL and GWRL boards may make calls for payment of the shares.

- 8 Requests that the Council Chair confirms the consent and approvals referred to in this report, in writing to WRCHL.

The motion was **carried**.

**14 Finance update – year to date to 31 May 2023 - Report 23.291** [For information]

Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Chief Financial Officer and Sean Nicholson, Planning and Reporting Accountant, spoke to the report.

**Resolution to exclude the public**

**15 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 23.297**

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Bassett

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

**Chief Executive performance indicators for 2023/24 - Report RPE23.219**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific ground/s under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>Chief Executive performance indicators for 2023/24 – Report RPE23.219</b>	
<i>Reason/s for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground/s under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>This report contains information relating to the current Chief Executive’s performance agreement. Release of this information would prejudice the privacy of Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, by disclosing information pertaining to the employment relationship between the Chief Executive and the Council.</p> <p>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 Mr Corry’s privacy</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.</p>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Act and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would

be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 11.45am.



Councillor D Ponter

**Council Chair**

Date: