

Confirmed Public minutes of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting on Tuesday 25 February 2025

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

Members Present

Martin Matthews (Chair)
Councillor Bassett (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Connelly (from 9.33am)
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Saw
Councillor Woolf

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Martin Matthews / Cr Bassett

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Ropata.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting on 21 November 2024 – Report 24.622

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Saw

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting on 21 November 2024 – Report 24.622.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting of 21 November 2024 – Report PE24.623

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Connelly

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting on 21 November 2024 – Report PE24.623.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Connelly arrived at the meeting at 9.33am during the above item.

6 Update on the Progress of Action Items from Previous Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee Meetings – Report 25.50 [For Information]

Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager, Finance and Risk, spoke to the report.

7 Quarterly Finance Update – Quarter Two – Report 25.43

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

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee:

- 1 Accepts the financial report for the second quarter ended 31 December 2024, including Attachment 1.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Audit New Zealand Management Reports for Council and WRC Holdings Limited Group – Report 25.15 [For Information]

Ashwin Pai, Head of Finance, and Rajesh Ratanjee, Financial Controller, spoke to the report.

9 Harbour Management – Risk and Compliance Update – Report 25.46 [For Information]

Grant Nalder, Manager Harbours, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested a report to a future Committee meeting outlining advice, options, and recommendations for:

- an exclusion zone at Oriental Bay and surrounding bays
- and boat launching and non-compatible activities at Mana/Porirua.

10 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Update – February 2025 – Report 25.68 [For Information]

Julie Barber, Head of Health, Safety and Wellbeing, spoke to the report.

11 Risk and Assurance Update – Report 25.49 [For Information]

Jacob Boyes, Head of Corporate Risk and Assurance, spoke to the report.

Noted: The Committee requested that officers provide advice and options for managing and mitigating risks on the reduced water supply from the Waiwhetū aquifer.

12 Forward Work Programme – February 2025 – Report 25.51

Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Bassett

That the Committee:

- 1 Endorses the Forward Work Programme (Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

Resolution to exclude the public

13 Resolution to exclude the public – Report <number>

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Connelly

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

Legal Update – Report RPE25.65

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:

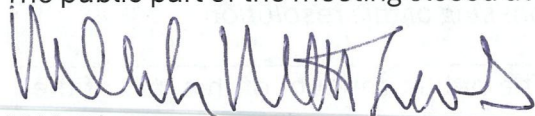
Legal Update – Report RPE25.65	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
This report contains information: a On matters (namely settlement negotiations) being conducted under an obligation of confidence and associated information used in and obtained from those negotiations (section 7(2)(c)(i) of the Act)	The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per: a section 7(2)(c)(i) of the Act to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any

<p>b On potential internal investigations as to alleged wrongdoing and the release of such information would likely prevent the maintenance of law and in particular the investigation of such matters and/or would be likely to prejudice the supply of information into those investigations (section 6(c) of the Act)</p> <p>c That is being gathered to enable in-house counsel to appropriately advise Greater Wellington and/or where litigation is in reasonable contemplation and as such, the release of the same would prejudice the maintenance of legal professional privilege (section 7(2)(g) of the Act).</p> <p>Officers have considered whether the public interest outweighs the restriction on release of the information to the public. Officers consider that the public interest does not so outweigh the restrictions.</p>	<p>enactment, where making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied</p> <p>b section 6(c) of the Act, that making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to fair trial</p> <p>c section 7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege.</p>
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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Act and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 10.51am



M Matthews

Chair

Date: 13 May 2025