

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 12 June 2025

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

Members Present

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

Karakia timatanga

The Council Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Gaylor

That Council accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Duthie.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Wesley Gyles-Bedford spoke to agenda item 5 - Wairarapa Line Service Issues.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 22 May 2025 – Report 25.230

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Gaylor

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 22 May 2025 – Report 25.230.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Wairarapa Line Service Issues – Update - Report 25.263

Samantha Gain, Group Manager Metlink, and Paul Tawharu, Senior Manager Operations, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Nash

That Council:

- 1 Acknowledges and shares the frustration surrounding rail performance to and from the Wairarapa.
- 2 Notes that officers have identified a number of potential short-term measures for Council consideration.
- 3 Notes that the preferred measure recommended by officers (recommendation 5 below):
 - a provides targeted relief to those Wairarapa Line users directly impacted by the rail replacement services caused by Transdev staff shortages
 - b can be accommodated in the overall rail operating budget.
- 4 Agrees to not charge a fare for the following timetabled rail replacement services between Wairarapa and Wellington for the following services:
 - a the weekday 3:38pm departure from Masterton, and the 6:18pm departure from Wellington
 - b the Friday only 8:40pm departure from Masterton, and the 10.25pm departure from Wellingtonwhile these services are bus replaced due to the shortage of available train managers.
- 5 Agrees that while services will be provided at no charge, passengers will still be required to tag on and off services in accordance with normal rail replacement protocols.
- 6 Notes that due to fares complexities, passengers will be charged and then automatically reimbursed in full by Snapper, with 30 day pass holders having their refunds applied to their e-purse (card) balance only.

- 7 Notes that fares reimbursement on the rail replacement services will start from the earliest possible date, and that the date will depend on Snapper requirements.
- 8 Requests that when staffing levels have been resolved on the Wairarapa Line, officers bring a report to Council to consider measures that may promote patronage growth on the Wairarapa Line.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Finance Update – April 2025 – Report 25.242 [For Information]

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

Resolution to exclude the public

7 Resolution to Exclude the Public – Report 25.260

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Bassett

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

Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 22 May 2025 – Report PE25.229

Reappointment of Directors to the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency – Report PE25.264

Management Services Agreement – Greater Wellington Rail Limited – Report PE25.175

LNIRIM: Funding and Management Agreement – Report PE25.253

Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 22 May 2025 – Report RPE25.232

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

Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 22 May 2025 – Report PE25.229	
<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>
Information contained in these minutes relates to a lease opportunity in northern Wellington. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater	The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage,

Wellington) to carry on negotiations (section 7(2)(i)). Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.	negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).
Reappointment of Directors to the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency – Report PE25.264	
<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>
The information contained in this report includes personal and identifying information about the proposed candidate for appointment. Withholding this information prior to Council's decision is necessary to protect the privacy of that natural person (section 7(2)(a) of the Act) as releasing this information would disclose their consideration as a Director of the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency (WellingtonNZ). Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.	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.
Management Services Agreement – Greater Wellington Rail Limited – Report PE25.175	
<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>
Certain information contained in this report relates to future rail service procurement and contracting in the Wellington Region. Excluding the public from the proceedings of the meeting is necessary as considering this information in public would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington Regional	The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

<p>Council (Greater Wellington) to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (section 7(2)(i) of the Act).</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.</p>	
LNIRIM: Funding and Management Agreement – Report PE25.253	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>Certain information contained in this report relates to future rail service procurement and contracting in the Wellington Region. Excluding the public from the proceedings of the meeting is necessary as considering this information in public would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (section 7(2)(i) of the Act).</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>
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<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>Certain information contained in these minutes relates to future bus service procurement and contracts in the Wellington Region. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry out negotiations and may affect the probity of the bus services procurement process (section 7(2)(i) of the Act).</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</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 10.01am.



Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date:

26/6/25