
MINUTES

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2008

9.20AM

**Committee Room 1,
Ground Floor, Council Offices,
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Best
Councillor Cook
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Foster
Councillor Gill
Councillor Goulden
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Pepperell
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Wade-Brown
Councillor Wain

337/08P **CHAIRING OF MEETING**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

Councillor McKinnon vacated the chair under Standing Order 53. Mayor Prendergast, as Deputy Chair, chaired the meeting under Standing Order 54.

338/08P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/12/IM)

NOTED:

There were no apologies.

339/08P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Councillor McKinnon declared a conflict of interest in relation to Report 3, Charles Plimmer Bequest Forward Programme, and advised that he would not take part in debate and voting.
2. Councillor Ahipene-Mercer declared a conflict of interest in relation to Report 5, Options for Waterfront Project, and advised that he would not take part in debate and voting.

340/08P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Tom Law addressed the Committee in relation to Report 3, Charles Plimmer Bequest Forward Programme. Mr Law thought that the upgrading of Te Raekaihau Point was a great idea. He asked that projects be completed, noting a number of examples where consultation has taken place and work has started, but has not been finished.
2. Patrick McCombs addressed the Committee in relation to Report 5, Options for Waterfront Project. Mr McCombs argued that there has not been a meeting of minds between the Wellington City Council and the public. This is a chance to encourage residents to become more involved in the waterfront. He said that what has been done on the waterfront is great, but is concerned about further development. He asked that a question about this be included in the next resident satisfaction survey on the waterfront.

341/08P **PETITION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no petitions presented.

342/08P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Consider the agenda order as follows:
Report 2: Environmental Reference Group Update
Report 4: Courtenay Place Flexible Streetscape
Report 5: Options for Waterfront Project
Report 1: Inflow and Infiltration into Private Wastewater Laterals
Report 3: Charles Plimmer Bequest Forward Programme
Report 6: Passport to Leisure
Report 7: Submission on the Proposed National Policy Statement for
Freshwater Management
Report 8: Transfer of Council Owned Land*

343/08P **ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP REPORT BACK**
Report of Ken Bowater, Senior Policy Advisor
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Wade –Brown, seconded Councillor Pannett, the substantive motion.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 9.42am.)

(Councillor Ritchie rejoined the meeting at 9.58am.)

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that there were six resignations during the second half of the year and that vacancies will be advertised publicly in December for the appointment of new members to the Environmental Reference Group.*

344/08P **COURTENAY PLACE PRECINCT FLEXIBLE STREETSCAPE PROJECT**

Report of Peter Kundyki, Urban Developer, Urban Development and Transport.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Foster seconded Councillor Wain the substantive motion, as amended.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Notes that a pilot project is being undertaken to control traffic movements in Courtenay Place which will be funded from within existing budgets.*
3. *Agrees that officers will report back on the results of the pilot scheme in **May** 2009.*
4. *Agrees that a comprehensive plan for the Courtenay Place precinct be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in **May** 2009 along with a range of funding priorities.*

NOTED:

The resolutions differed from the recommendations in the officer's report as followed:

The Committee added the words in **bold**.

(The meeting adjourned at 10.00am for morning tea.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.26am.)

345/08P **OPTIONS FOR WATERFRONT PROJECT**

Report of Warren Ulusele, Portfolio Manager, Council Controlled Organisations

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 5)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer withdrew from the table due to his conflict of interest in relation to this item.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Mayor Prendergast the substantive motion.

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett the following amendment:

New d:

Agree that implementation of the Waterfront Project be transferred to and undertaken by the Council from 1 July 2009.

The amendment was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Councillors Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Majority vote: 12:3

The amendment was LOST

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Recommend that Council*
 - (a) *Agree to a reduced management fee of \$1.2 million per annum to be paid to Wellington Waterfront Limited, by the end of the 2008/09 financial year.*
 - (b) *Note the initiative from Wellington Waterfront Limited to reduce the number of directors, on the board of Wellington Waterfront Limited from the current eight to five effective from January 2009.*
 - (c) *Note that these changes will be reflected in the upcoming Council Controlled Organisation Boards appointment paper to Council on 17 December 2008.*
 - (d) *Agree that implementation of the Waterfront Project be transferred to and undertaken by the Council from 1 July 2010.*

- (e) *Note that prior to transferring functions the Council will review whether the market conditions warrant reconsideration of the preferred implementation option.*
- (f) *Agree to consult on this proposal separately prior to being considered under the Long Term Council Community Plan deliberations in 2009.*
- (g) *Note that officers will report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee on submissions in March 2009*
- (h) *Agree to review the accountability documents relating to Wellington Waterfront Limited.*

346/08P **INFLOW AND INFILTRATION INTO PRIVATE WASTEWATER LATERALS**
 Report of Kevin Robertson, Special Projects, Capacity and Rob McCrone, Strategic Analyst, Capacity.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer rejoined the table.)

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 11.26am.)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Best the substantive motion.

Moved Councillor Cook, seconded Councillor Pannett the following amendment:

New 8:

Agree that the term “private sewerage drains” be used instead of “laterals”.

**The amendment was ACCEPTED with leave of the meeting.
 The amended substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information;*
2. *Note that wastewater overflows during heavy rain events are caused by excessive Inflow and Infiltration, and that it is estimated that between 40 to 60% of Inflow and Infiltration is derived from defects in private laterals.*

3. *Note that under the Council's current Lateral Policy (2005) property owners are responsible for the ownership, maintenance and renewal of their private lateral from the building to the Council owned main.*
4. *Note that Council is currently committed to the following:*
 - a. *Funding of overflow mitigation works at wastewater treatment plants to comply with resource consent conditions (\$18.2 million).*
 - b. *A further investment of \$7.7 million per annum for renewal of public wastewater drains -including works specifically to target Inflow and Infiltration.*
 - c. *Works to mitigate the effects of overflows from constructed overflows; these works are estimated to cost in the order of \$70 million over the next 20 years.*
5. *Note that some of the options can have a significant financial implication for both Council and private home owners.*
6. *Agree that officers develop a detailed policy and implementation plan that incorporates:*
 - a. *A cost-benefit analysis of the available options for Wellington City.*
 - b. *An analysis of approaches and works undertaken by other Councils.*
 - c. *Consideration of amendments to the 2005 Laterals Policy that may be desirable.*
 - d. *The timing for the introduction of any implementation.*
7. *Note that the policy will be reported back to the Strategy and Policy Committee in March 2009.*
8. *Agree that the term "private sewerage drains" be used instead of "laterals".*

NOTED:

The resolutions differed from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the words in **bold**

347/08P **CHARLES PLIMMER BEQUEST FORWARD PROGRAMME**
Report of Mike Oates, Manager, Open Space and Recreation Planning
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

(Councillor McKinnon withdrew from the table due to his conflict of interest in relation to this item.)

(Councillor Foster rejoined the meeting at 12.11pm.)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Ritchie the substantive motion, as amended.

The amended substantive motion, recommendations 1 and 3 were put and declared CARRIED.

The amended substantive motion, recommendation 2 was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommend that Council agree up to \$350,000 be spent on the Te Raekaihau Point Restoration in 2009/10.*
3. ***Request officers to report back, after the LTCCP is agreed, on the most appropriate projects for 2010/11.***

NOTED:

1. The resolutions differed from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the words in **bold**.

2. Councillors Best, Coughlan and Wain requested that their votes against recommendation 2 be recorded.

(The meeting adjourned at 12.32 for lunch.)

(The meeting reconvened at 12.57pm.)

348/08P **PASSPORT TO LEISURE**

Report of Anja Foley – Manager, Programmes and Marketing, Recreation
Wellington.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 6)

(Councillor McKinnon rejoined the table.)

Moved Councillor Best, seconded Councillor Gill the substantive motion with the following amendment:

Additional 3:

Note that officers will report back on the implications of Passport to Leisure in 12 months time.

Moved Councillor Coughlan the following amendment:

New 2:

Agree to recommend to Council that:

- a) eligibility to the Passport to Leisure Scheme be extended to include:
 - Superannuitants
 - Green Prescription (GRx) referrals
 - Mental health consumers
 - People with physical disabilities
 - Refugees and asylum seekers
 - **students**

The amendment FAILED for want of a seconder.

Moved Mayor Prendergast the following amendment:

New 2:

Agree to recommend to Council that:

- a) **eligibility to the Passport to Leisure Scheme be extended to include:**
 - **Green Prescription (GRx) referrals**
 - **Mental health consumers**
 - **People with physical disabilities**
 - **Refugees and asylum seekers**
- b) **Officers monitor usage of recreation facilities by:**
 - **Superannuitants**

From 1 February to 30 April 2009 to determine the impact of extending further the eligibility of the Passport to Leisure scheme to this group.

- c) **That officers report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee by the end of May 2009.**
- d) **That superannuitants using the Passport to Leisure scheme be restricted to off peak times so that it coincides with the Super Gold Card public transport free use.**
- e) **the Passport to Leisure Scheme will be restricted to eligible Wellington City rate payers and residents who will be issued with a Leisure Card.**

(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 1.30pm.)

The amendment was put.

Recommendations a, d and e were declared CARRIED.

Recommendations b and c were declared LOST.

The amended substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

2. *Agree to recommend to Council that:*

- a) *eligibility to the Passport to Leisure Scheme be extended to include:*
 - *Superannuitants*
 - *Green Prescription (GRx) referrals*
 - *Mental health consumers*
 - *People with physical disabilities*
 - *Refugees and asylum seekers*
- b) *the Passport to Leisure Scheme will be restricted to eligible Wellington City rate payers and residents who will be issued with a Leisure Card.*
- c) *That superannuitants using the Passport to Leisure scheme be restricted to off peak times so that it coincides with the Super Gold Card public transport free use.*

3. *Note that officers will report back on the implications of Passport to Leisure in 12 months time.*

NOTED:

The resolutions differed from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the words in **bold**.

349/08P **SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT**
Report of Genevieve Drake, Policy Advisor
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 7)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Pannett the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the submission attached as Appendix 1 of the officer's report be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment's Board of Inquiry on the NPS for its consideration.*
3. *Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer and the Environment Portfolio Leader the authority to sign off minor changes to the submission, resulting from any amendments agreed by the Committee.*

350/08P **TRANSFER OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND TO VECTOR WELLINGTON ELECTRICITY NETWORK LIMITED PURSUANT TO THE ENERGY COMPANIES ACT 1992**
Report of Hanita Shantilal – Property Adviser, Property Projects.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 8)

Moved Councillor Morrison, seconded Councillor Goulden the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Recommends that the Council, pursuant to Section 56 of the Energy Companies Act 1992:*
 - (i) *Agrees that the following Council owned land be transferred to Vector Wellington Electricity Network Limited:*
 - *Part of the land situated at 4B Taurima Street Hataitai, Part Lot 67 DP 168, Comprised Freehold Register WN433/103, approximately 28m².*
3. *Recommends that the Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to carry out all further steps required to enable the transfer to Vector Wellington Electricity Network Limited.*

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STRATEGY AND POLICY FORWARD PROGRAMME

Report of Svea Cunliffe-Steel, Acting City Secretary.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 9)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor McKinnon the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 of the officers report.*

The meeting concluded at 2.00pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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