
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2009

2.03PM – 3.34PM

3.47PM – 3.54PM

3.56PM – 4.50PM

**Council Chamber
Town Hall
Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair)	(2.03pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(2.03pm – 2.40pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)
Councillor Best	(2.03pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)
Councillor Cook	(2.03pm – 3.22pm, 3.29pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)
Councillor Coughlan	(2.03pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)
Councillor Foster	(2.06pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.00pm, 4.09pm – 4.31pm)
Councillor Goulden	(2.03pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)	(2.03pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)
Councillor Morrison	(2.03pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)
Councillor Pannett	(2.03pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.35pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(2.03pm – 2.57pm, 2.58pm – 3.34pm, 3.50pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(2.06pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(2.03pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)
Councillor Wain	(2.03pm – 3.34pm, 3.47pm – 3.54pm, 3.56pm – 4.50pm)

(Councillor McKinnon vacated the chair. Mayor Prendergast assumed the chair in her role as Deputy Chair.)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Gill

179/09P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/12/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Gill.*

180/09P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

181/09P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

182/09P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no deputations.

183/09P **REPORT FROM AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE: 2008 / 2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(1215/52/IM)

(2.03PM – 4.50PM)

(REPORT 1)

NOTED:

(Councillors Foster and Ritchie joined the meeting at 2.06pm.)

Neil Cherry, Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation on the financial statements, followed by a brief presentation from Brain Hannah, Manager – Strategy, Planning and Performance, on the Statements of Service Performance.

A hard copy of this presentation is attached to the file and labelled as “A”.

An updated page 293 and 294 (relating to Capacity) was also circulated. This is attached to the file and labelled “B”.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 2.40pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 2.57pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 2.58pm.)

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 3.22pm.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 3.29pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 3.34pm for afternoon tea.)

(The meeting reconvened at 3.47pm. When the meeting reconvened Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 3.50pm.)

A point of order was raised by Councillor Pepperell to prevent the discussion of public excluded matters by Councillor Goulden. Mayor Prendergast sustained the point of order and warned Councillor Goulden against raising public excluded matters in a public meeting.

(The meeting adjourned at 3.54pm in order to prevent the discussion of public excluded matters before the meeting.)

(The meeting reconvened at 3.56pm. Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Pepperell the substantive motion, amended as follows:

Amended recommendation 5 and new recommendation 6:

5. Recommend to Council the adoption of the annual report for Wellington City Council for the year ended 30 June 2009 (attached in Appendix 1 **as amended**).

6. Recommend to Council that it delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to make minor editorial changes that may arise as part of preparing the 2008/09 Annual Report document for publication.

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 4.00pm.)

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 4.09pm.)

A point of order was raised by Councillor Wade-Brown, objecting to comments made by Councillor Goulden that were offensive and disrespectful to Councillors and officers.

Mayor Prendergast sustained the point of order and asked Councillor Goulden to withdraw his comments.

Councillor Goulden withdrew his comments.

Mayor Prendergast called Councillor Goulden to order for tedious repetition of incorrect figures.

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 4.31pm.)

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 4.35pm.)

A point of order was raised by Councillor Wade-Brown against Councillor Goulden for offensive language.

Mayor Prendergast sustained the point of order.

Mayor Prendergast called Councillor Goulden to order regarding comments made about the Chief Executive and the level of advice given.

Councillor Goulden withdrew his comments.

Moved Councillor Ritchie the procedural motion to adjourn the meeting.

The procedural motion FAILED as Councillor Ritchie had already spoken to the motion.

Mayor Prendergast requested that the minutes record the disorder by Councillor Goulden, specifically that he had been tediously repetitious and continuously used offensive language against his colleagues.

Councillor Goulden requested that the words used by Mayor Prendergast describing the nature of his disorder be recorded.

Mayor Prendergast directed that her words that Councillor Goulden had been tediously repetitious and continuously used offensive language against his colleagues be recorded.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that the Audit and Risk Management Subcommittee has reviewed the financial statements in detail.*
3. *Note that Audit New Zealand have indicated their likely audit clearance by way of a letter of comfort dated 21 August 2009 (attached in Appendix 2).*
4. *Recommend that Council confirm the Statement of Accounting Policies, as contained within the financial statements, for Wellington City Council for the year ended 30 June 2009.*
5. *Recommend to Council the adoption of the annual report for Wellington City Council for the year ended 30 June 2009 (attached in Appendix 1 as amended).*
6. ***Recommend to Council that it delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to make minor editorial changes that may arise as part of preparing the 2008/09 Annual Report document for publication.***

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

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

The meeting concluded at 4.50pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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