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Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Ordinary Meeting of Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee Ngā Meneti | Minutes

9:30 am Rāapa, 11 Hakihea 2024
9:30 am Wednesday, 11 December 2024
Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwī
113 The Terrace
Pōneke | Wellington



PRESENT

Mayor Whanau
Deputy Mayor Foon
Councillor Abdurahman
Councillor Apanowicz (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Brown (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Free
Pouiwi Hohaia
Pouiwi Kelly
Councillor Matthews (Chair)
Councillor McNulty
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Randle
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Wi Neera
Councillor Young

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson declared the meeting (hui) open at 9:30am and read the following karakia to open the hui.

**Whakataka te hau ki te uru,
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.
Kia mākinakina ki uta,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.
E hī ake ana te atākura.
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.
Tihei Mauri Ora!**

Cease oh winds of the west
and of the south
Let the bracing breezes flow,
over the land and the sea.
Let the red-tipped dawn come
with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
a promise of a glorious day

1.2 Apologies

Moved Councillor Matthews, seconded Councillor Apanowicz

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Accept the apologies received from Councillor Brown and Councillor Chung for lateness.

Carried

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Matthews, seconded Councillor Apanowicz

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Approves the minutes of the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee Meeting held on 7 November 2024 and the Extraordinary Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2024, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as accurate records of those meeting.

Carried

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1.6 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

2. General Business

Secretarial note: In accordance with standing order 19.1, the chairperson accorded precedence to some items of business and announced that the agenda would be considered in the following order:

- A.1 Local Water Done Well - Preferred Option for Consultation
- 3.1 Report of the Unaunahi Māhirahira | Audit and Risk Committee Meeting of 20 November 2024
- 2.1 Statements of Expectation to Council-Controlled Organisations
- 2.2 Decision register updates and upcoming reports
- 4.1 CCO & WIAL Board Appointments

(Councillor Wi Neera left the hui at 9:44am.)

(Councillor Wi Neera joined the hui at 9:44am.)

(Councillor Brown joined the hui at 9:54am.)

The hui adjourned at 10:27am and returned at 10:47am with the following members present: Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Mayor Whanau, Councillor Wi Neera, and Councillor Young.

(Councillor O'Neill joined the hui at 10:48am.)

(Councillor Apanowicz joined the hui at 10:49am.)

(Councillor Wi Neera left the hui at 11:02am.)

(Councillor Wi Neera joined the hui at 11:10am.)

A.1 Local Water Done Well - Preferred Option for Consultation

Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor Calvert

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Agrees that a Wellington Metro Three Waters Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) is the preferred water services delivery model **on the condition that the Advisory Oversight Group confirms an in-principle agreement to Wellington City Council's equitable debt transfer position, and this is secured prior to Wellington City Council approving its approach to public consultation.**
3. Agrees that the Local Water Done Well reform consultation, planned for March – April 2025 will seek feedback on:
 - a) A Wellington Metro Three Waters CCO option (the preferred option)
 - b) ~~A stormwater only in-house option~~ **A Wellington City Council only Three Waters CCO option**, and
 - c) In-house contract out option (the status quo) where Wellington Water Limited in its current form will likely be disestablished and WCC management services would be contracted out to a new delivery partner.
4. ~~Agrees that consultation on water meters will be included as part of the preferred option.~~ **Agrees that the consultation will note that water meters are anticipated to be implemented under all three options and have been budgeted for, but that any necessary specific consultation on water meters and timing of their implementation will be determined at a later date.**

5. Notes that alternative options available under the Local Water Done Well framework were considered and evaluated as part of providing the advice in this paper.
6. Notes that our Tākai Here partners have a strong preference for a regional three waters approach.
7. Notes the dynamic operating context in which these proposals are being developed and decisions being made, including the emerging legislative framework, and this presents a risk that change may still be introduced that has implications for the currently preferred option.
8. Notes that the three councils already committed to the recommended preferred option of a metro three waters CCO, are yet to agree on a fair and equitable debt transfer position, and that this may present a risk to WCC's continued involvement in the preferred delivery model.

Secretarial note: The motion moved differed from the recommendations in the officers' report, as marked in red.

Moved Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Free, the following amendment

Resolved

3. Agrees that the Local Water Done Well reform consultation, planned for March – April 2025 will seek feedback on:
 - a) A Wellington Metro Three Waters CCO option (the preferred option)
 - b) A Wellington City Council only Three Waters CCO option, and
 - c) In-house contract out option (the status quo) where Wellington Water Limited in its current form will likely be disestablished and WCC management services would be contracted out to a new delivery partner, **and**
 - d) **A stormwater only in-house option.**

Lost

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle.

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Calvert, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young.

Absent:

Councillor Chung.

Majority Vote: 8:9

Lost

(Councillor Brown left the hui at 11:43am.)

Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor Calvert, the substantive motion

Resolved

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4. ~~Agrees that consultation on water meters will be included as part of the preferred option.~~ **Agrees that the consultation will note that water meters are anticipated to be implemented under all three options and have been budgeted for, but that any necessary specific consultation on water meters and timing of their implementation will be determined at a later date.**
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7. Notes the dynamic operating context in which these proposals are being developed and decisions being made, including the emerging legislative framework, and this presents a risk that change may still be introduced that has implications for the currently preferred option.
8. Notes that the three councils already committed to the recommended preferred option of a metro three waters CCO, are yet to agree on a fair and equitable debt transfer position, and that this may present a risk to WCC's continued involvement in the preferred delivery model.

Carried

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young.

Against:

Absent:

Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung

Majority Vote: 16:0

Carried

(Councillor Brown joined the hui at 11:44am.)

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Report of the Unaunahi Māhirahira | Audit and Risk Committee Meeting of 20 November 2024

Moved Councillor Randle, seconded Councillor Pannett

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance and Performance Committee:

1. Recommend that Te Kaunihera Pōneke | Council:
 - a) Approve the draft 2022/23 and 2023/24 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Reports (Attachment 1) for Wellington City Council and Group, subject to the resolution of any matters identified during the meeting and those arising from the assurance engagement from Audit New Zealand.
 - b) Delegate to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee the authority to deal with any significant issues arising after this meeting that are under the delegations of the Committee, ensuring they are appropriately addressed through discussions with Officers and liaison with other Committee members if necessary.
 - c) Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make minor editorial changes that may arise as part of the finalising the Reports.

Carried

2. General Business

(Councillor Apanowicz left the hui at 11:48am.)
(Councillor Apanowicz joined the hui at 11:49am.)

The hui adjourned at 11:54am and returned at 11:58am with the following members present: Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Diane Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Mayor Whanau, Councillor Wi Neera, and Councillor Young.

(Councillor Abdurahman joined the hui at 11:58am.)

2.1 Statements of Expectation to Council-Controlled Organisations

Moved Councillor O'Neill, seconded Deputy Mayor Foon

Resolved

That Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. **Receive** the information
2. **Agree** that the Statement of Expectations in terms of section 64B of the Local Government Act 2002 will outline Council's strategic direction and its enduring expectations of Council-controlled Organisations.
3. **Agree** the individual messages in the Statements of Expectation to the following organisations:
 - Basin Reserve Trust
 - Karori Sanctuary Trust
 - Wellington Cable Car Limited
 - Wellington Museums Trust
 - Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency Ltd
 - Wellington Regional Stadium Trust
 - Wellington Zoo Trust
4. **Agree** that officers will prepare Statements of Expectation incorporating the directions of Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee for signing by the Chair of the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-Term Plan, Finance & Performance Committee.
5. **Agree to add and alter the following messages to the Statement of Expectation for Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency Ltd:**
 - a) Through Destination Wellington funding, we would like WellingtonNZ to take a stronger focus on growing Wellington's tech and screen sectors, supporting local companies to scale and create jobs. We would like to be briefed on a plan for how this will be delivered in the first quarter of the year, with job growth reported on annually.
 - b) The Council expects WellingtonNZ to provide targeted and timely support to businesses impacted by central city development activity, with a strong focus on the upgrade of the Golden Mile. This includes support of the Development Response Plan through matching businesses with the right support, running capability training, marketing activity and events that will bring people into the city, and any other activities or programmes as determined appropriate by WCC.

Carried

Secretarial note: The motion moved differed from the recommendations in the officers' report, as marked in red. Voting was taken in parts, with clauses 5, 5a, and 5b each taken separately, and all other clauses taken together. All clauses were carried.

The hui adjourned at 12:11pm and returned at 12:32pm with the following members present: Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Mayor Whanau, Councillor Wi Neera, and Councillor Nicola Young.

(Councillor Brown left the hui at 12:32pm.)

2.2 Decision register updates and upcoming reports

Moved Councillor Matthews, seconded Pouiwi Kelly

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

(Councillor Brown joined the hui at 12:33pm.)

4. Public Excluded

Moved Councillor Matthews, seconded Councillor Free

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
4.1 CCO & WIAL Board Appointments	7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	s48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
2.	Direct officers to consider the release of publicly excluded information that can be publicly released following the hui.	

Carried

The hui went into public-excluded session at 12:34pm.

The hui returned from public-excluded session and concluded at 1:01pm with the reading of the following karakia:

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana,
te wairua
I te ara takatū
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga
Kia wātea, kia wātea
Āe rā, kua wātea!

Draw on, draw on
Draw on the supreme sacredness
To clear, to free the heart, the body
and the spirit of mankind
Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Let this all be done in unity

Authenticated: _____
Chair