
MINUTES

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2006

9.22AM

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (9.22 – 10.09am, 11.29am – 12.19pm, 1.14 – 3.19pm)
Councillor Armstrong (Chair) (9.22am – 2.30pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (9.22am – 3.10pm, 3.16 – 3.19pm)
Councillor Foster (9.27am – 12.28pm, 1.14 – 2.18pm, 2.24 – 3.11pm)
Councillor Gill (9.22 – 11.26am, 11.29am – 12.10pm, 12.21 – 3.19pm)
Councillor Goulden (9.22 – 10.36am, 11.06 – 11.24am, 11.29am – 12.28pm, 1.15 – 2.36pm , 3.14 – 3.19pm)
Councillor McKinnon (9.22am – 2.36pm, 2.49 – 3.19pm)
Councillor Morrison (9.22 – 11.24am, 11.29am – 3.19pm)
Councillor Pepperell (9.22am – 1.17pm, 1.30 – 3.19pm)
Councillor Ritchie (9.22 – 10.36am, 11.01am – 3.19pm)
Councillor Ruben
Councillor Shaw
Councillor Wain (9.22am – 2.58pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown (1.24 – 3.19pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Cook
Councillor Wade-Brown (for lateness)

228/06P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Cook.*
- 2. Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Wade-Brown.*

229/06P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Bernie Harris addressed the Committee on Report 2 – “Council Controlled Organisations Review” as a representative of the Federation of Residents and Progressive Association, and Report 3 – “Communication and Participation Project: Draft Engagement Policy” as an individual. Mr Harris urged the Committee to heed the recommendations of PriceWaterhouseCoopers in respect of report 2, noting their international reputation of their Consultants in writing such reports. He also noted that the draft Engagement Policy could go further in its attempts to engage with the community.

230/06P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Councillor Goulden declared that while he was a member of the Strathmore Park Residents’ Association he had not participated in writing their submission on the Representation Review.
2. Councillor Gill declared that while she was a member of the New Zealand Labour Party she had not participated in writing their submission on the Representation Review.

231/06P **REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2007 LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS**

Report of Ross Bly – Special Projects Officer, Democratic Services.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Mayor Prendergast advised that she would not take part in discussion or voting on the matter as she had not been present at the oral hearings.
2. Councillor Shaw made a personal statement explaining that while he had missed 5 ½ of the oral submissions he had taken advice from the Chief Executive and City Secretary that he was not compromised and could still participate in discussion and voting on the matter.

Moved Councillor Shaw, seconded Councillor Ritchie the following substantive:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Consider the written and oral submissions received on the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2007 local authority elections, as publicly notified on 8 July 2006.
3. Recommend to Council that:
 - (i) The decision to elect the members of the Wellington City Council (other than the Mayor) under the ward system for the 2007 local authority elections be confirmed.
 - (ii) The Council's initial proposal to divide the city into five wards for electoral purposes, as approved by the Council at its meeting on 28 June 2006 and publicly notified on 8 July 2006, be confirmed and that the names of those wards and the suburban communities of interest comprised within each of those wards be as follows:
 - (a) **Northern Ward**
Comprising Churton Park, Glenside, Grenada North, Grenada Village, Horokiwi, Johnsonville, Newlands, Ohariu, Paparangi, Takapu Valley, Tawa and Woodridge (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Northern Ward Boundary Map dated 28 June 2006 - Appendix 1).
 - (b) **Onslow/Western Ward**
Comprising Broadmeadows, Crofton Downs, Kaiwharawhara, Karori, Khandallah, Makara, Makara Beach, Ngaio, Ngauranga, Northland, Wadestown and Wilton (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Onslow/Western Ward Boundary Map dated 28 June 2006 - Appendix 2).
 - (c) **Lambton Ward**
Comprising Aro Valley, Part Brooklyn, Highbury, Kelburn, Mt Cook, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Pipitea, Te Aro, Thorndon and Wellington Central (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Lambton Ward Boundary Map dated 28 June 2006 - Appendix 3).
 - (d) **Southern Ward**
Comprising Berhampore, Part Brooklyn, Island Bay, Kingston, Morningside, Newtown, Owhiro Bay, and Vogelstown (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Southern Ward Boundary Map dated 28 June 2006 - Appendix 4).

(e) Eastern Ward

Comprising Breaker Bay, Hataitai, Houghton Bay, Karaka Bays, Kilbirnie, Lyall Bay, Maupuia, Melrose, Miramar, Moa Point, Rongotai, Roseneath, Seatoun, Southgate and Strathmore Park (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Eastern Ward Boundary Map dated 28 June 2006 - Appendix 5).

Note

The current ward boundaries do not comply with the “fairness” provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) in that the Lambton Ward is under represented by 13.77% and the Eastern Ward is over represented by 12.66%.

Three relatively major changes to the current boundaries are proposed in order to ensure that the fairness provisions of the Act are met. The proposal recommends the transfer of Roseneath from the Lambton Ward to the Eastern Ward, Wadestown from the Lambton Ward to the Onslow/Western Ward and Southgate from the Southern Ward to the Eastern Ward.

A number of very minor meshblock adjustments were also incorporated in the Council’s initial proposal. These adjustments were proposed in an endeavour to ensure that the proposed ward boundaries followed the Council’s suburb boundaries (i.e. its communities of interest) as closely as possible. These meshblock adjustments affect approximately 20-30 properties only.

- (iii) The decision to retain the level of elected members (excluding the Mayor) at 14 be confirmed and that the distribution of those members between the five wards be as follows:

Northern Ward	3 Councillors
Onslow/Western Ward	3 Councillors
Lambton Ward	3 Councillors
Southern Ward	2 Councillors
Eastern Ward	3 Councillors

- (iv) ~~(a) The decision to extend the existing Makara/Ohariu Community to include the rural suburbs of Takapu Valley (excluding the suburban centre in Takapu Road) and Horokiwi (excluding Hutt Road) and for the altered community to be named the Wellington Rural Community (the boundaries of which are shown on the attached Wellington Rural Community Board Map dated 28 June 2006 – Appendix 6), be confirmed.~~

OR

~~(b) The decision to extend the existing Makara/Ohariu Community to include the rural suburbs of Takapu Valley (excluding the suburban centre in Takapu Road) and Horokiwi (excluding Hutt Road) and for the altered community to be named the Wellington Rural Community, be amended to include the suburb of Glenside as part of the proposed Wellington Rural Community (the boundaries of which are shown on the attached Wellington Rural Community Board Map dated 27 September 2006 – Appendix 7).~~

OR

(c) The decision to extend the Makara/Ohariu Community to include the rural suburbs of Takapu Valley (excluding the suburban centre in Takapu Road) and Horokiwi (excluding Hutt Road) and for the altered community to be named the Wellington Rural Community be rescinded and that the Council resolve that the existing Makara/Ohariu Community Board continue to operate within its current boundaries, that the community not be subdivided for electoral purposes and that its existing membership of six elected members (and no appointed members) continue to be elected by the electors of the Makara/Ohariu community as a whole.

~~(v) (a) The decision that the membership of the Wellington Rural Community Board consist of seven elected members and no appointed members be confirmed.~~

OR

~~(b) The decision that the membership of the Wellington Rural Community Board consist of seven elected members and no appointed members be rescinded and that the Council resolve that the membership of the Wellington Rural Community Board consist of ten elected members and no appointed members.~~

~~(vi) (a) The decision that the Wellington Rural Community not be subdivided for electoral purposes be confirmed.~~

OR

~~(b) The decision that the Wellington Rural Community not be subdivided for electoral purposes be rescinded and that the Council resolve that the Wellington Rural Community be subdivided into three subdivisions for electoral purposes and that the names of the three subdivisions be as follows:~~

Makara
 Ohariu
 Horokiwi/Takapu

- (vii) (a) ~~The decision that the members of the Wellington Rural Community Board be elected by the electors of the community as a whole be confirmed.~~

OR

- (b) ~~The decision that the members of the Wellington Rural Community Board be elected by the electors of the community as a whole be rescinded and that the Council resolve that the distribution of those members between the three subdivisions be as follows:~~

Makara Subdivision ~~4 members~~
 Ohariu Subdivision ~~3 Members~~
 Horokiwi/Takapu Subdivision ~~3 Members~~

- (viii) (a) ~~The decision to abolish the existing Tawa Community and the Tawa Community Board be confirmed.~~

OR

- (b) The decision to abolish the existing Tawa Community and Tawa Community Board be rescinded and that the Council resolve that the Tawa Community Board continue to operate within its current boundaries, that the community not be subdivided for electoral purposes and that its existing membership of six elected members continue to be elected by the electors of the Tawa community as a whole, plus two appointed members.
- (ix) The decision that no further community boards be established across the city at this time be confirmed.
- (x) Agree that, once a decision has been made on which proposal the Committee supports, the Portfolio Leader Governance and the Chief Executive Officer be given authority to prepare the necessary resolutions in accordance with that decision, and in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Local Electoral Act, for consideration and adoption by the Council at its meeting on 27 September 2006.

Note

Section 19N of the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires Council to give public notice of its final proposal following the consideration of submissions on its initial proposal. This public notice must "state the reasons for [any] amendments [to the earlier resolution] and the reasons for any rejection of submissions". In the event of any appeals

or objections to the Local Government Commission, these reasons are to be referred to the Commission. An outline of the reasons for any amendment to the Council's initial proposal or any rejection of submissions will be included in the Committee's recommendation to Council on 27 September 2006.

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Ruben the following amendment:

3. Recommend to Council that:
 - (i) The decision to elect the members of the Wellington City Council (other than the Mayor) under the ward system for the 2007 local authority elections be confirmed.
 - (ii) The Council's initial proposal to divide the city into five wards for electoral purposes, as approved by the Council at its meeting on 28 June 2006 and publicly notified on 8 July 2006, be confirmed **subject to the suburbs of Wadestown and Southgate remaining in the current Lambton and Southern Wards respectively for electoral purposes**, and that the names of those wards and the suburban communities of interest comprised within each of those wards, **as amended**, be as follows:
 - (a) **Northern Ward**
Comprising Churton Park, Glenside, Grenada North, Grenada Village, Horokiwi, Johnsonville, Newlands, Ohariu, Paparangi, Takapu Valley, Tawa and Woodridge (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Northern Ward Boundary Map dated 28 June 2006 - Appendix 1).
 - (b) **Onslow/Western Ward**
Comprising Broadmeadows, Crofton Downs, Kaiwharawhara, Karori, Khandallah, Makara, Makara Beach, Ngaio, Ngauranga, Northland, ~~Wadestown~~ and Wilton (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Onslow/Western Ward Boundary Map dated ~~28 June 2006 - Appendix 2~~). **21 September 2006 - Appendix 8)**
 - (c) **Lambton Ward**
Comprising Aro Valley, Part Brooklyn, Highbury, Kelburn, Mt Cook, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Pipitea, Te Aro, Thorndon **Wadestown**, and Wellington Central (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Lambton Ward Boundary Map dated ~~28 June 2006 - Appendix 3~~). **21 September 2006 - Appendix 8).**

- (d) **Southern Ward**
 Comprising Berhampore, Part Brooklyn, Island Bay, Kingston, Mornington, Newtown, Owhiro Bay, **Southgate**, and Vogeltown (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Southern Ward Boundary Map dated ~~28 June 2006~~ ~~Appendix 4~~). **21 September 2006 – Appendix 8).**
- (e) **Eastern Ward**
 Comprising Breaker Bay, Hataitai, Houghton Bay, Karaka Bays, Kilbirnie, Lyall Bay, Maupuia, Melrose, Miramar, Moa Point, Rongotai, Roseneath, Seatoun, ~~Southgate~~ and Strathmore Park (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Eastern Ward Boundary Map dated ~~28 June 2006~~ ~~Appendix 5~~). **21 September 2006 – Appendix 8)**

Note

The current ward boundaries do not comply with the “fairness” provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) in that the Lambton Ward is under represented by 13.77% and the Eastern Ward is over represented by 12.66%.

~~Three relatively major changes to the current boundaries are proposed in order to ensure that the fairness provisions of the Act are met. The proposal recommends the transfer of Roseneath from the Lambton Ward to the Eastern Ward, Wadestown from the Lambton Ward to the Onslow/Western Ward and Southgate from the Southern Ward to the Eastern Ward.~~

The Council’s initial proposal, recommends the transfer of Roseneath from the Lambton Ward to the Eastern Ward, Wadestown from the Lambton Ward to the Onslow/Western Ward and Southgate from the Southern Ward to the Eastern Ward.

The transfer of Roseneath (population 1600) from the Lambton Ward to the Eastern Ward will achieve the population per Councillor within the +/- 10% variance. The transfer of Wadestown (population 3250) or Southgate (population 880) from the Lambton and Southern Wards respectively, as is proposed in the Council’s initial representation proposal, is not required and will ensure that the disruption to the existing ward boundaries is kept to a minimum.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.36am and reconvened at 10.55am.)

The amendment was PUT and DIVISION called:

Voting for: Councillors Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pepperell, Ritchie, Ruben and Wain.

Voting against: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Armstrong, Foster, Gill and Shaw.

Majority vote: 7:5

The amendment was declared CARRIED.

(The meeting adjourned at 11.24am and reconvened at 11.26am.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Pepperell the following amendment:

“ii) (d) Southern and Eastern Ward

Comprising Berhampore, Part Brooklyn, Island Bay, Kingston, Mornington, Newtown, Owhiro Bay, and Vogelstown (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Southern Ward Boundary Map dated 28 June 2006 - Appendix 4).

AND

Breaker Bay, Hataitai, Houghton Bay, Karaka Bays, Kilbirmie, Lyall Bay, Maupuia, Melrose, Miramar, Moa Point, Rongotai, Roseneath, Seatoun, Southgate and Strathmore Park (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Eastern Ward Boundary Map dated 28 June 2006 - Appendix 5).

- iii)** The decision to retain the level of elected members (excluding the Mayor) at 14 be ~~confirmed~~ **revoked and the level of elected members (excluding the Mayor) be 9** and that the distribution of those members between the ~~five~~ **four** wards be as follows:

Northern Ward	2 Councillors
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- viii) (b)** The decision to abolish the existing Tawa Community and Tawa Community Board be rescinded and that the Council resolve that the Tawa Community Board continue to operate within its current boundaries, that the community not be subdivided for electoral purposes and that its ~~existing~~ **have** membership of ~~six~~ **four** elected members **who** continue to be elected by the electors of the Tawa community as a whole, plus two appointed members **and the following community boards be established**

- i. Rest of the Northern ward with 6 members
- ii. Old Onslow ward (ie Ngaio-Khandallah etc) with 6 members
- iii. Old Western ward and Wadestown with 6 members
- iv. Lambton ward with 8 members
- v. Southern ward with 6 members
- vi. Eastern ward west of the airport with 6 members (ie Kilbirnie, Hataitai etc)
- vii. Eastern ward east of the airport with 6 members (ie Miramar peninsula)

ix) —~~The decision that no further community boards be established across the city at this time be confirmed.~~ **That Council will review the delegations given to the boards with a view to increasing their level of activity significantly from those currently pertaining to the existing Community Boards.”**

The motion was PUT and declared LOST on voices.

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.28pm and reconvened at 1.10pm. When the meeting reconvened Councillors Armstrong, Gill, McKinnon, Morrison, Pepperell, Ritchie, Ruben, Shaw and Wain were present.)

Moved Councillor Armstrong, seconded Councillor Morrison that the motion be PUT.

The procedural motion was PUT and declared CARRIED.

Recommendations 1 – 2 were PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

Amended recommendations 3(i) – (iii) were PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

(Mayor Prendergast and Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 1.14pm.)

Recommendation 3(iv) c was PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

Recommendation 3(viii) b was PUT and DIVISION was called.

Voting for: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Armstrong, Foster, Morrison, Ritchie, Shaw and Wain.

Voting against: Councillors Gill, McKinnon, Pepperell and Ruben.

Majority vote: 7:4

The motion was declared CARRIED.

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 1.15pm.)

Recommendation 3(ix) was PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

(Councillor Foster requested that his dissenting vote be recorded against recommendation 3ix.)

Recommendation 3(x) was PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

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OR

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OR

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~~*Makara*~~

~~*Ohariu*~~

~~*Horokiwi/Takapu*~~

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~~*Horokiwi/Takapu Subdivision ————— 3 Members*~~

- (viii) ~~*(a) The decision to abolish the existing Tawa Community and the Tawa Community Board be confirmed.*~~

OR

(b) The decision to abolish the existing Tawa Community and Tawa Community Board be rescinded and that the Council resolve that the Tawa Community Board continue to operate within its current boundaries, that the community not be subdivided for electoral purposes and that its existing membership of six elected members continue to be elected by the electors of the Tawa community as a whole, plus two appointed members.

(viii) The decision that no further community boards be established across the city at this time be confirmed.

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NOTED:

1. The committee added the words in **bold** and deleted the words in ~~strikethrough~~.

232/06P

REVIEW OF COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS

Report of Allan Prangnell – Manager, Council Controlled Organisations and Wayne Maxwell – Director, Strategy and Partnerships.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 2)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 1.17pm.)

(Councillor Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 1.24pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 1.30pm.)

Moved Councillor Shaw, seconded Councillor Ritchie the substantive with the following amendment:

4. **Note the recommendation regarding** ~~Agree to recommend to Council that~~ Council's appointments policy for COs and CCOs ~~is to~~ be amended to preclude Councillors or Council officers being appointed to those boards, subject to consultation with those local authorities that have CCO ownership interests in common with Wellington City Council (Wellington Regional Stadium Trust, Capacity and Positively Wellington Business)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Wade-Brown (amendment to recommendation 5) and Councillor Armstrong (new recommendation 6)

5. "Agree that officers report back on reporting arrangements for CCOs as outlined in the table below:

Report	Issues	SPC Committee
Review CCO Committee reporting arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify delegations of CCOPS; ARMS; SPC; WDSC • The provision of free and frank advice • Establishment of Advisory Group or strengthening of the CCOP Subcommittee • Clarify the role of Councillors who are board members speaking and voting on matters related to the CCO of which they are board members 	December 2006

6. **Request Officers to provide a paper as soon as possible to the CCOPS on the degree to which individual CCOs are or are not aligned to Council's strategic direction."**

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Armstrong that the motion be PUT.

The procedural motion was PUT and DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Armstrong, Foster, Goulden, McKinnon, Pepperell, Ritchie, Ruben, Shaw, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Voting against: Councillors Gill and Morrison.

Majority vote: 12:2

The motion was declared CARRIED as there was a three-quarters majority.

The amendment to 5 was PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

The new recommendation 6 was PUT and DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Armstrong, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Pepperell, Ruben, Shaw, Wade-Brown and Wain.

Voting against: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Morrison and Ritchie.

Majority vote: 11:3

The motion was declared CARRIED.

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 2.18pm and returned at 2.24pm.)

(Councillor Armstrong left the meeting at 2.30pm. As Councillor Armstrong is the Chair of the Committee, the deputy Chair, Mayor Prendergast took over chairing the meeting.)

The substantive motion as amended was PUT and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the recommendations contained in the report Review of Council Controlled Organisations by PricewaterhouseCoopers, attached as Appendix 1 to the Officers paper.*
3. *Agree to the implementation plan attached as Appendix 2 to the officers report, which relate to system-level improvements as recommended by the Roche review*
4. *Note the recommendation regarding ~~Agree to recommend to Council that~~ Council's appointments policy for COs and CCOs ~~is~~ to be*

amended to preclude Councillors or Council officers being appointed to those boards, subject to consultation with those local authorities that have CCO ownership interests in common with Wellington City Council (Wellington Regional Stadium Trust, Capacity and Positively Wellington Business)

5. *Agree that officers report back on reporting arrangements for CCOs as outlined in the table below:*

Report	Issues	SPC Committee
<i>Review CCO Committee reporting arrangements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Clarify delegations of CCOPS; ARMS; SPC; WDSC</i> • <i>The provision of free and frank advice</i> • <i>Establishment of Advisory Group or strengthening of the CCOP Subcommittee</i> • <i>Clarify the role of Councillors who are board members speaking and voting on matters related to the CCO of which they are board members</i> 	<i>December 2006</i>

6. *Request Officers to provide a paper as soon as possible to the CCOPS on the degree to which individual CCOs are or are not aligned to Council's strategic direction.*

NOTED:

1. The committee added the words in **bold** and deleted the words in ~~strikethrough~~.
2. Councillor Goulden requested his vote be recorded against the recommendations.

233/06P **COMMUNICATION AND PARTICIPATION PROJECT: DRAFT ENGAGEMENT POLICY**
 Report of Adele Gibson, Policy Advisor, Policy.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

(Councillors Goulden and McKinnon left the meeting at 2.36pm.)

Moved Councillor Shaw, seconded Councillor Ritchie the substantive motion with the following amendments (including an Executive Summary to be included in the Consultation Plan, attached at Appendix One to these minutes) :

3. "Agree to the Consultation Plan, attached as Appendix 2 to officer's report **as amended**.

5. **Delegate to the Chief Executive and Governance, Communication and Participation Portfolio Leader the authority to make minor editorial changes to the draft Engagement Policy document for the purposes of public consultation.”**

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown the following amendments in bold to Section Four of the Consultation Plan:

“Wellington residents are all part of:

- different communities, be they geographically defined communities or communities of shared experience or ethnicity
- agencies, clubs, societies, organisations, churches, sports groups, etc.
- different communities and organisations all contribute to greater social connectedness and cohesion, helping build social and civic capital. Engagement with communities is as much about building new relationships (including accessing new networks) as encouraging linkages between established communities, groups and organisations.

The Council, **including its elected members**, will:

- actively build and develop relationships with different communities, organisations and groups
- endeavour to engage communities on their terms – which may mean participating in established networks and processes
- ensure relationships are developed as ongoing activities, rather than events
- seek to facilitate outcomes **in, for and with** communities, while building community ownership of issues and outcomes and also community action
- recognise the contribution of different organisations (public, private and voluntary) – and enable that contribution to be fruitful
- help build capacity and capability in communities – giving local actors the capacity and tools to participate, mobilising and activating community leadership
- **support Advisory Groups (e.g. the Disability Reference Group), community forums (e.g. the Pacific Forum), and other mechanisms for tapping into the knowledge and views of different communities.”**

The amendments were ACCEPTED with LEAVE of the meeting.

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 2.49pm.)

(Councillor Wain left the meeting at 2.58pm.)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the draft Engagement Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the officer's report, for the purposes of formal public consultation.*
3. *Agree to the Consultation Plan, attached as Appendix 2 to the officer's report as **amended**.*
4. *Note that an Advisory and Reference Group Policy is planned as part of the implementation of the Governance Strategy, to be completed by June 2007.*
5. *Delegate to the Chief Executive and Governance, Communication and Participation Portfolio Leader the authority to make minor editorial changes to the draft Engagement Policy document for the purposes of public consultation.*

NOTED:

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

234/06P **NEWLANDS LOCAL CENTRE CONTEXT STUDY**
Report of Luke Troy, Principal Advisor, Urban Development.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 3.10pm.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Ritchie the substantive motion.

The motion was PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Note the report and the findings of the context study.*
2. *Agree to public consultation on the identified constraints and opportunities, draft principles and long-term development concept.*
3. *Note that further work will be undertaken on a Newlands Local Centre implementation plan, including options for disposal of Council assets and costings for proposed capital works, and that this will be reported*

back to the Strategy and Policy Committee by the end February 2007 for further consideration.

4. *Note the recommendations arising from this study for the development of the Newlands Community Centre.*

235/06P **NEW ZEALAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE – “THE URBAN JUNGLE, GROWING AOTEAROA WITH RECREATION”, AUCKLAND, 15 – 17 NOVEMBER 2006**
Report of Nicola Hay - Committee Advisor, Democratic Services.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 3.11pm.)

Moved Councillor Morrison, seconded Councillor Gill the substantive motion.

Expressions of interest for attendance at the New Zealand Recreation Conference were called for. Councillor Wain was nominated to attend.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of **Councillor Wain and one other elected member** at the New Zealand Recreation Association Conference – “The Urban Jungle, Growing Aotearoa with Recreation” to be held in Auckland, 15-17 November 2006 and that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Note that there is a Capacity Board meeting and Youth Council scheduled on Wednesday 15 November 2006 and a Strategy and Policy Committee meeting and a Makara/Ohariu Community Board meeting scheduled on Thursday 16 November 2006.*
4. *Note that a report back on the meeting will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

NOTED:

1. The Committee added the words in **bold**.
2. Councillors were advised that as the Committee was recommending two attendees a second Councillor could advise of their interest in attending to the Deputy Mayor after the meeting.

236/06P **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

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:

Report 6: Review of Council Controlled Organisations – Further Recommendations

Grounds: Section 48(1) (a) – That public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings would likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist

Reason: Section 7(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of natural deceased persons

Section 7(b)(ii) – protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Report 7: Newlands Community Centre Update

Grounds: Section 48(1)(a) – That public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings would likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist

Reason: Section 7(2)(c) – 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 enactment, where the making available of that information –

(ii) Would be likely to damage the public interest

Section 7(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (Including commercial and industrial negotiations)

(The meeting went into public excluded session at 3.12pm. For items 237/06P - 238/06P please see the public excluded minutes.)

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 3.14pm.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 3.16pm.)

The meeting concluded at 3.19pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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1.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This policy articulates what Wellington residents can expect from the Council when they engage with the Council, be it through:

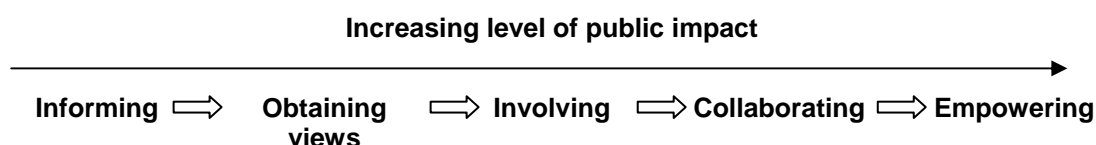
- the contact members of the public have with the Council through the everyday services and facilities they use
- the ongoing relationships the Council develops and maintains with its different communities and sector groups
- the consultation processes undertaken when a decision is to be made.

Throughout these different types of engagement, Council staff will:

- act with integrity and respect
- be committed and competent in their roles
- take pride in and responsibility for what they do
- be enterprising and deliver on what they say they will do
- work with the community to deliver on community needs and aspirations.

For the engagement that occurs within the consultation/decision-making process, the policy outlines the factors that are taken into account when the Council determines when it will consult, and the extent to which it will do so.

Different levels of engagement will occur depending on what decision is made about when to consult. The below chart provides the continuum of participation in decision-making:



In general, when the Council makes a decision to consult, it will operate at the level of **involving**. The Council is clear that this means it will ensure it is informed of people's views and will take them into consideration. It is not about:

- reaching agreement or consensus
- negotiating the outcome
- treating the feedback/comments received as a "vote", where the majority view must be recommended and adopted.

When a decision is made not to consult, then the Council will generally only engage to the level of **informing** – which in this case would probably mean telling residents and communities of the decision that has been or will be made. The risks of not consulting need to be carefully considered in all of these situations.