

**DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN
 HEARINGS SUBCOMMITTEE**

MINUTES

**THURSDAY 13 MAY 2010
 (AND RECONVENED ON FRIDAY 14 MAY 2010,
 MONDAY 17 MAY 2010 AND TUESDAY 18 MAY 2010)**

1.11PM – 3.01PM

3.12PM – 4.01PM

4.09PM – 4.31PM

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast	(1.11pm-3.01pm, 3.12pm-3.55pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(1.11pm-2.45pm, 3.12pm-3.46pm, 3.50pm-4.01pm, 4.09pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Best	(1.11pm-3.01pm, 3.12pm-4.01pm, 4.09pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Foster	(1.11pm-3.01pm, 3.17pm-4.01pm, 4.09pm-4.31pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)	(1.11pm-3.01pm, 3.12pm-4.01pm, 4.09pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Morrison	(1.11pm-3.01pm, 3.12pm-4.01pm, 4.09pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(1.14pm-3.01pm, 3.12pm-3.40pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Coughlan	(1.37pm-2.41pm)
Councillor Gill	(1.11pm-1.36pm, 1.41pm-2.41pm, 2.46pm-3.01pm, 3.12pm-4.01pm, 4.15pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Goulden	(1.16pm-1.28pm)
Councillor Pannett	(1.11pm-3.01pm, 3.12pm-4.01pm, 4.09pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Wain	(1.11pm-3.01pm)

APOLOGIES:

None

IN ATTENDANCE (DEMOCRATIC SERVICES):

Svea Cunliffe-Steel, City Secretary
 Keegan Bartlett, Committee Advisor

01/10DP **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/10/IM)

NOTED:

There were no apologies.

02/10DP **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/10/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

03/10DP **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/10/IM)

NOTED:

There were no deputations.

04/10DP **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/10/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

05/10DP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2010/2011 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN,
2010 COMMUNITY FACILITIES POLICY AND 2010 DRAFT
CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**
(1215/52/10/IM)

NOTED:

1. Tom Law and Bernie Harris addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Federation of Wellington Residents' and Progressive Associations. Mr Law noted the Federation's concerns about how several consultation processes were occurring simultaneously with the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. Mr Law advised that the simultaneous consultations were confusing for the public who wanted to submit on the plans or policies. However, he did note that overall the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan provided a clear explanation of the financial allocations for the coming financial year. Mr Harris noted that in 2008

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the Federation forwarded its concerns on the Council's rating policies to the Auditor-General but were pleased to see that these concerns had been generally resolved in the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan document.

(Councillor Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 1.14pm.)

(Councillor Goulden joined the meeting at 1.16pm.)

2. John Morrison addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Churton Park Community Association. Mr Morrison requested that the Subcommittee incorporate funding for the Westchester Drive extension into the 2010/2011 Annual Plan. Mr Morrison discussed the Council's work on this project to date and asked that it continue to be progressed by bringing forward the construction plan. Mr Morrison also discussed the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy and noted that the Association continues to be concerned by the lack of community facilities within the suburb. Mr Morrison noted that the Council sold reserve land in Churton Park to the Ministry of Education in 2009 for the construction of a new school. The sale also required some land would be used for community purposes. Mr Morrison hoped to see facilities constructed which benefited the suburb's ageing population, rather than solely for family or school-aged children.

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 1.28pm.)

3. Bernie Harris addressed the Subcommittee regarding the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Mr Harris discussed the Council's consultation processes on climate change and noted that he was concerned with how the climate change programme and its associated cost structures were been explained to Wellington residents.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 1.36pm.)

(Councillor Coughlan joined the meeting at 1.37pm.)

4. Mike Smith addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Tuanuku Maori Climate Change Network. Mr Smith's background is in film production and he explained the documentary he produced to highlight the climate change crisis and illustrate its impacts around New Zealand. Mr Smith suggested that the Council establish a public screening facility for films that highlight pressing social issues, such as climate change. Mr Smith discussed the roles of local and national governments around the world and the need to balance the effects of climate change and the costs of resolving them for local businesses. Mr Smith emphasised the importance for the Council to engage the public in the climate change battle by reaching out to individuals and showing them how they can contribute to the solution.

TABLED, 'He Ao Wera: Climate Change in Aotearoa', a documentary by Mike Smith and Hinekaa Mako (labelled 05/10DPA).

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 1.41pm.)

5. Peter Brooks addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Wellington Civic Trust. Mr Brooks discussed the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan and how it was an essential step for meeting the challenges of global warming. Mr Brooks discussed the roles of local and national governments in leading the policy changes necessary for reducing carbon emissions and preparing for global warming. Mr Brooks noted that the Council should reflect on the fact that a market for carbon is unlikely to have stabilised before the next Long-Term Council Community Plan has been written. Mr Brooks provided the Subcommittee with suggestions on how to meet carbon emission targets and to reduce energy consumption through shifts to public transport and increased promotion of community and business initiatives.
6. Neil Pryor addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Flagstaff Hill Area Residents' Association. Mr Pryor noted that the residential land at Flagstaff Hill is currently being disposed of by Massey University. The land has significant value to the local community and Mr Pryor asked that the Council acquire the land as open space to protect access to the area for local residents. Mr Pryor noted that having a residential zoning applied to the land would likely impact on the purchase price.
7. Gary Oosterbaan addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Island Bay United AFC. Mr Oosterbaan noted that Island Bay, and Wellington generally, had a shortage of available football space. Mr Oosterbaan asked that additional funding for artificial turfs be incorporated into the 2010/2011 Annual Plan. In particular, Mr Oosterbaan presented a proposal for the installation of two artificial turfs at Wakefield Park and noted that additional turfs at the park would provide an attractive all-season setting for sporting and community activities.

TABLED, 'Wakefield Park Recreation Hub Proposal', presentation by Gary Oosterbaan (labelled 05/10DPB).

8. Stan Andis and a delegation of residents from Moa Point Road addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Moa Point Wastewater Community Liaison Group. The delegation presented a petition (to the Subcommittee on behalf of Moa Point residents supporting the Moa Point Community Liaison Group in its submission) for funding to be provided in the forthcoming financial budget for an enclosure to be constructed of the Inlet Pump Station. The petition also asked for an "end to odour emissions in [their] local sensitive environment." The

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petition had 42 signatures attached to it. The delegation discussed their experiences of the Moa Point Treatment Plant and the number of odour complaints arising from the operation of the facility. Mr Andis discussed the resource consent requirements and noted that enforcement officers from Greater Wellington Regional Council and the Wellington City Council had different approaches to measuring the odour requirements of the consent. Mr Andis proposed the construction of an enclosure for the facility to restrict odour and provided a handout that incorporated plans for the enclosure.

TABLED, 'Oral Submission – Wellington City Council ' Moa Point Wastewater Community Liaison Group', handout by Stan Andis (labelled 05/10DPC).

TABLED, correspondence from Keith R Davis, Chartered Water and Environmental Management Consultant addressed to Members of the Moa Point Wastewater Community Liaison Group, dated 9 April 2010 (labelled 05/10DPD).

Moved by Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, that the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee receive the petition, noting its subject, and refers it to officers to inform their work.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee:

- 1. Receives the petition, noting its subject, and refers it to officers to inform their work.*

(Councillors Coughlan and Gill left the meeting at 2.41pm.)

9. Michael Collett addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy. Mr Collett discussed the proposal to create a Johnsonville Community Hub and asked that the improvements works planned for Keith Spry Pool be progressed. Mr Collett suggested that the proposal for the community hub be extended to include Keith Spry Pool, the Johnsonville Community Centre, and the Johnsonville Library. Mr Collett was not supportive of Wellington City Council funding for local school pools because of the burden for taxpayers of ongoing operational and maintenance costs.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 2.45pm.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 2.46pm.)

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(The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.01pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 3.12pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Gill, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

10. Jan Voss addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Glenside Progressive Association. Ms Voss asked that funding for the heritage halfway house at 250 Middleton Road be incorporated into the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. The house was constructed circa 1885 and is currently owned by the Wellington City Council. Ms Voss noted that the Association wishes to see the heritage building preserved. Ms Voss also asked for the Westchester Road extension to be removed from the plan while the effects on the Stebbings Stream and Glenside community are being resolved. Ms Voss proposed that the Westchester Drive extension does not meet the economic efficiency test of the Wellington Regional Transport Strategy.

TABLED, 'Oral Presentation to Wellington City Councillors, 13 May 2010', speech notes by Jan Voss (labelled 05/10DPE).

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 3.17pm.)

12. Nicola Gaston addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Cycle Aware Wellington. Ms Gaston discussed the Wellington City Council's progress on installing stop boxes, bicycle parks, route signage, and cycle-ways and cycle-lanes throughout the City. Ms Gaston asked that additional investment in cycle-friendly roading projects, including improving public transport facilities for cyclists, be incorporated into the 2010/2011 Annual Plan. Ms Gaston noted that Cycle Aware Wellington was continuing to work with Council Officers to identify areas in Wellington where cycle safety could be improved.
13. Don McDonald addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. Mr McDonald provided a gallery of photographs for the Subcommittee to review regarding the state of public spaces and community facilities within Wellington City.

TABLED, index of photographs (labelled 05/10DPF).

(Councillor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 3.40pm.)

14. Les Brown addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Nancy's Embroidery Shop. Mr Brown discussed the traffic issues faced by commuters travelling through Thorndon Quay and asked that work on this route be accelerated to improve safety for road users. Mr Brown noted that his business had also submitted on the Thorndon Quay proposed parking changes.

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(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 3.46pm.)

15. David Butler addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Wellington Labour Local Body Committee. Mr Butler noted that he does not support the rates and charges differential contained within the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. Instead, Mr Butler proposed that the Council hold the differential at current levels then holds a referendum on the Council's charging models for residents to decide on how to proceed. Mr Butler provided feedback on the Wellington labour force following the results of the Household Labour Force Survey for the March 2010 quarter published by Statistics New Zealand.

TABLED, 'Submission of the Wellington Labour Local Body Committee on Wellington City Council's Proposed Annual Plan 2010-11', tabled by David Butler (labelled 05/10DPG).

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 3.50pm.)
(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 3.55pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 4.01pm.)
(The meeting reconvened at 4.09pm.)
(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, and Pannett were present when the meeting reconvened.)

16. Alex Gray addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the New Zealand Automobile Association (NZAA). Mr Gray noted that the NZAA attends the Wellington City Council's Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group. Mr Gray provided the Subcommittee with the comparison of pedestrian and motorcycle accidents in New Zealand cities. Mr Gray suggested that the Council allocate additional resources to rectify Wellington's high rate of inner-city pedestrian incidents, particularly around the Taranaki Street and Courtenay Place intersection.

TABLED, 'Vulnerable Road Users: Comparison of Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch Accidents 2004-2008', handout from Alex Gray (labelled 05/10DPH).

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 4.15pm.)

17. Richard Cassidy and Monty Hayward addressed the Subcommittee speaking to the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. Mr Cassidy discussed the off-leash dog exercise areas permitted in the Wellington City Council's Dog Policy established in 2009. Mr Cassidy asked that Seatoun Beach be re-designated in the plan as an off-leash dog exercise area. Mr Cassidy suggested that access to the beach could be administered through a management plan, such as time restrictions or specific parts of the beach, to ensure that it is shared with non-dog

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owners accessing the beach. Mr Cassidy noted that there are fewer users of the beach as a result of the dog policy.

Moved by Councillor Best, seconded Councillor Foster, the procedural motion that the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee adjourn its business to reconvene at 9.15am on Friday, 14 May 2010.

The procedural motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee:

1. *Adjourn its business to reconvene at 9.15am on Friday, 14 May 2010.*

(The meeting adjourned at 4.31pm.)

DRAFT

(The meeting reconvened at 9.23am on Friday, 14 May 2010.)

PRESENT:

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.23am-10.23am, 10.48am-11.17am, 11.27am-12.25pm, 1.31pm-2.47pm, 3.22pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Best	(9.23am-10.23am, 10.48am-11.17am, 11.27am-12.25pm, 1.31pm-2.47pm, 3.22pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Foster	(9.58am-10.23am, 10.48am-11.17am, 11.27am-12.25pm, 1.56pm-2.07pm, 2.10pm-2.47pm, 3.22pm-4.31pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)	(9.23am-10.23am, 10.48am-11.17am, 11.27am-12.25pm, 1.31pm-2.47pm, 3.22pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Morrison	(9.23am-10.21am, 1.31pm-2.12pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(9.23am-10.23am, 10.48am-11.17am, 11.27am-12.25pm, 1.31pm-2.47pm, 3.22pm-4.31pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Coughlan	(9.37am-10.23am, 10.48am-11.17am)
Councillor Gill	(9.23am-10.21am, 1.34pm-2.47pm, 3.23pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Pannett	(9.23am-10.23am, 10.48am-11.17am, 11.27am-12.25pm, 1.31pm-2.47pm, 3.22pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.24am-9.42am, 9.45am-10.23am, 10.50am-10.58am, 11.12am-11.17am)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.24am-10.23am, 10.48am-11.17am, 2.41pm-2.47pm, 3.23pm-4.31pm)
Councillor Wain	(1.31pm-2.25pm, 2.29pm-2.32pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Foster (for lateness)

06/10DP **ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2010/2011 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN, 2010 COMMUNITY FACILITIES POLICY AND 2010 DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN (CONTINUED)**
(1215/52/10/IM)

NOTED:

(Councillors Pepperell and Ritchie joined the meeting at 9.24am)

18. Tim Reddish addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the New Zealand Taxi Federation. Mr Reddish outlined the roles of the Taxi Federation and explained the significance of taxi services in Wellington's public transport services. Mr Reddish asked that the Taxi Federation and taxi companies be included in public transport discussions with the Council because of their role in moving residents around Wellington. Mr Reddish discussed the substantial progress taxi

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companies had made towards their climate change goals in Wellington.

19. Alan Chambers addressed the meeting on behalf of Harbour City Water Polo. Mr Chambers was concerned about the reduction in proposed Council funding for school pools from the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. Mr Chambers discussed the Berhampore School Pool and noted that the Council provided \$16,000, of the total cost of \$60,000, for the pool overall. Mr Chambers noted that Harbour City Water Polo rent the dive pool at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre for its competitions and training. However, the size of the pool limits capacity for the club's water polo players. Mr Chambers suggested a range of options for increasing the pool space at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre.

(Councillor Coughlan joined the meeting at 9.37am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 9.42am.)

20. Guido Ballara addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Friends of Strathmore Community School. Mr Ballara noted Strathmore School is currently required to compete for space at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre to deliver swimming education to its students because of the limited capacity of the Wellington City Council pools. Mr Ballara discussed the need for funding of their own school pool facility in order to develop the learn to swim programme locally. He asked the Subcommittee to reconsider the reduction in school pool facility funding. This would help Strathmore School fix up its pool and provide services to other local schools and as a base for a learn to swim programme in the community

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 9.45am.)

21. John Hodren addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Wellington Diving Club. Mr Hodren noted that staff at the Council's pools are doing a good job in operating the available pool facilities. However, Mr Hodren noted that aquatic sports bodies face ongoing issues in securing times for pool use because of the exclusion periods where pools cannot be hired out for training or competition. He noted that there is limited space on the existing pool facilities for sportspeople who require regular access for training. Mr Hodren asked the Subcommittee to include funding for the construction of an additional pool in the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy.

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.58am.)

22. Steve Hind addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Swimming Trust of Wellington. Mr Hind noted that the Trust had been established to improve swimming skills and learn to swim

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programmes following the disestablishment of the pool facility at the Boys and Girls Institute. Mr Hind noted that the Trust had assessed swimming facility demand in Wellington and provided the Subcommittee with a proposal to upgrade the facilities at Wellington East Girls' College at a cost of \$1.5m - \$2m. Mr Hind suggested that this would bring the Wellington East Girls' College Pool up to the standard necessary for learn to swim programmes. He saw this as a priority ahead of providing additional pool space at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre.

(Councillors Gill and Morrison left the meeting at 10.21am.)

(The meeting adjourned at 10.23am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.48am.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Foster, McKinnon, Pannett, Ritchie, and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.50am.)

23. Michael Gee addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Trans-Action. Mr Gee was concerned by the variability in travel times within Wellington's public transport network, especially during peak passenger periods. Mr Gee provided the Subcommittee with his experiences along the Karori West bus route and the significant delays in bus travel through the central business district. Mr Gee asked that bus timetable reliability requirements and performance measures be incorporated into the 2010/2011 Annual Plan.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 10.58am.)

24. Peter Clark addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Maranui Surf Life Saving Club. Mr Clark explained the services offered by Maranui Life Saving Club and noted the Club's contribution to surf life saving on Wellington City beaches. Mr Clark was concerned about the service level agreement between Wellington City Council and Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club and noted that other surf life saving clubs were involved in the activities covered within the agreement.

25. Karen Fifield and Francie Russell addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Wellington Zoo Trust. Ms Russell noted that Wellington Zoo appreciated its good working relationship with Wellington City Council. Ms Russell reported that the Zoo is on track for meeting its targets over the coming year but discussed the limited ability to attract and retain quality staffing with the current remuneration levels. Ms Fifield asked the Council to provide additional funding of \$90,000 in order to meet salary parity with other zoos around the country.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.12am.)

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(The meeting adjourned at 11.17am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 11.27am.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Foster, McKinnon, Pannett, and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

26. Grant Stephen addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of North Wellington Junior Football Club Incorporated. Mr Stephen acknowledged the progress of the Wellington City Council's artificial turf programme. Mr Stephen asked the Council to look at the allocation of sports codes relative to available sports fields in Wellington and discussed the Alex Moore Park re-development project. Mr Stephen thanked the Subcommittee for the Council's support in bringing together the various sports codes to progress the re-development and asked that the Council provide guidance for the Club's planned facilities building at the Park.
27. Paula Warren addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan and the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Ms Warren was concerned by possible cuts to library funding and asked that this be reconsidered. Ms Warren asked that the Council undertake additional work for the provision of parking within Wellington. Ms Warren suggested that the Climate Change Action Plan incorporate additional investment into Wellington's public transport fleet.
28. Mary Byrne and a delegation from Fluoride Action Network New Zealand addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. The delegation provided a video presentation (available to view online at <http://www.fannz.org.nz>) which illustrated their concerns on fluoridation of drinking water. These included: dental fluorosis - an irreversible condition caused by excessive ingestion of fluoride during the tooth forming years; the benefits of directly applying fluoride to the teeth rather than consuming it; and the absence of informed consent. Ms Byrne presented a schedule of dental statistics comparing fluoride and non-fluoride water supplies from other cities in New Zealand.

TABLED, 'Ministry of Health published dental statistics 2008',
handout by Mary Byrne (labelled 06/10DPA).

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.25pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.31pm.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Wade-Brown, and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 1.34pm.)

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29. Richard Villanueva and Richard Drakeford addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Wellington City New World to discuss the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Wellington City New World participates in the Enviromark Programme and has introduced a number of initiatives to reduce its carbon emissions. Mr Villanueva noted that the supermarket is trialling different methods of lighting to reduce its electricity consumption and has reduced its gas use and its waste output.
30. Paul Cameron addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Sport Wellington. Mr Cameron acknowledged the progress of the Indoor Community Sports Centre development and noted the participation by Councillors in Wellington's 'push play' events, such as the annual Round the Bays event. Mr Cameron highlighted a number of activities organised by Sport Wellington and noted the organisation's support included funding for local school children to participate in learn to swim programmes. Mr Cameron asked that the Council considers affordability of sports participation when setting fees and charges for the coming year under the 2010/2011 Annual Plan.

TABLED, 'School swimming summary for oral submissions to Councils – 2010', handout by Paul Cameron (labelled 06/10DPB).

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 1.56pm.)

31. Beth Pethig addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Khandallah Cornerstone Resource Centre Trust. Ms Pethig asked the Subcommittee for the Council's support with the funding for the Khandallah Community Centre through the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy.
32. Steve Logan addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Logan Brown Restaurant. Mr Logan discussed the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan and noted that Logan Brown Restaurant is looking at advancing from its current bronze medal to silver with the Enviromark Programme. Mr Logan noted the importance for the Council to continue supporting local businesses participating in the programme and asked for additional support to be incorporated into the Climate Change Plan for local hospitality service providers. He noted that the Council's support for 'conscious consumers' initiatives would help in the reduction in carbon emissions by ratepayers. Mr Logan asked the Subcommittee to provide more scooter parks in the central business district.

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 2.07pm.)

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 2.10pm.)

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 2.12pm.)

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33. John Robinson addressed the Subcommittee regarding the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Dr Robinson explained particular issues associated with climate change, including peak oil, plant and energy production, electric vehicles and, in particular, the addressing the carbon emitted by the Wellington International Airport. Dr Robinson did not support the Climate Change Action Plan and felt that the Council would be better placed showing leadership for residents and how they could reduce their individual emissions. Dr Robinson suggested that the Council investigate video conferencing as a method of reducing its own transport requirements.

(Councillor Wain left the meeting at 2.25pm.)

(Councillor Wain returned to the meeting at 2.29pm.)

34. Jake Roos addressed the Subcommittee regarding the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Mr Roos introduced himself, noting his experience and qualifications in the climate change field. Mr Roos discussed the problem of climate change and how this can be resolved using a local authority climate change plan. Mr Roos discussed the electric vehicle pilot programme but warned that the transition to electrification of vehicle fleets would be time consuming. Mr Roos suggested that the Plan incorporates a focus on preparing for peak oil by investigating CNG and biofuels as a fuel alternative.

(Councillor Wain left the meeting at 2.32pm.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 2.41pm.)

(The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.47pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 3.22pm.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Foster, McKinnon, Pannett, and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillors Gill and Ritchie returned to the meeting at 3.23pm.)

35. Beth Abbott addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Wellington Botanical Society. Ms Abbott asked that additional funding for planting and vegetation be incorporated into the 2010/2011 Annual Plan. Ms Abbott suggested that the Council shift to 'no-mow' grass species as a method of reducing the cost of lawn and grass mowing in the Wellington City Council's fields, parks and gardens. Ms Abbott queried the budget allocation for street cleaning in the Annual Plan, with a majority focused on the central business district. Ms Abbott asked that the Subcommittee tag the proposed 'Enviroschools' funding to focus on addressing climate change concerns. Ms Abbott provided feedback on the formatting and style of the publication of the Plan and asked for better use of space to use less paper. Ms Abbott provided feedback on the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan and suggested that the figures and targets be further broken down to relate

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to emissions on a per person basis in order to make the plan more relevant to individuals.

36. James Painter and Mike Forrest addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Cashmere Avenue School. Mr Painter noted that Cashmere Avenue School was enthusiastic about the original funding opportunity for partnership between local schools and the Wellington City Council to improve the Cashmere Avenue School pool. Mr Forrest noted that Cashmere Avenue School would prefer to deliver its own learn to swim programme, which would avoid the time out of the classroom to transport students to Wellington City Council pools.
37. Nora Priest addressed the Subcommittee regarding the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. Ms Priest discussed her concerns about the Skyline Function Centre at the top of the Cable Car. Ms Priest felt that although the centre was in a prime tourist location, the building was of a poor quality and unmaintained. Ms Priest asked that the Council look at purchasing the building, demolishing it and replacing it with a better quality building for the public to access. The Subcommittee discussed the lease situation of the site with Ms Priest.

TABLED, 'Skyline building', handout by Nora Priest (labelled 06/10DPC).

TABLED, photographs of the exterior of the Skyline licensed café, restaurant and function centre provided by Nora Priest (labelled 06/10DPD).

Moved by Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, the procedural motion that the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee adjourn its business to reconvene at 9.15am on Monday, 17 May 2010.

The procedural motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee:

1. *Adjourn its business to reconvene at 9.15am on Monday, 17 May 2010.*

(The meeting adjourned at 4.31pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 9.20am on Monday, 17 May 2010.)

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast	(9.21am-9.44am, 9.50am-10.23am, 10.41am-11.31am, 11.40am-12.31pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.20am-9.44am, 9.50am-10.23am, 10.41am-11.31am, 11.40am-12.31pm, 1.31pm-2.52pm, 3.16pm-3.51pm)
Councillor Best	(9.20am-9.44am, 9.50am-10.10am, 10.12am-10.23am, 10.41am-11.31am, 11.41am-12.31pm, 1.31pm-2.52pm, 3.16pm-3.51pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)	(9.20am-9.44am, 9.50am-10.23am, 10.41am-11.31am, 11.40am-12.31pm, 1.31pm-2.52pm, 3.16pm-3.51pm)
Councillor Morrison	(9.20am-9.44am, 9.50am-10.23am, 10.41am-11.31am, 11.40am-11.48am, 1.31pm-2.52pm, 3.16pm-3.51pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(9.20am-9.44am, 9.50am-10.23am, 10.41am-11.31am, 11.40am-12.31pm, 1.31pm-2.52pm, 3.16pm-3.51pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Gill	(1.31pm-2.45pm, 2.50pm-2.52pm, 3.16pm-3.51pm)
Councillor Pannett	(9.22am-9.44am, 9.50am-10.23am, 10.41am-11.31am, 11.40am-12.31pm, 1.31pm-2.52pm, 3.16pm-3.51pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(1.31pm-1.50pm, 1.51pm-2.13pm, 2.20pm-2.40pm, 2.44pm-2.52pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.41am-9.44am, 9.54am-10.23am, 10.41am-11.13am, 1.31pm-2.52pm)
Councillor Wain	(2.06pm-2.52pm, 3.16pm-3.51pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Foster (for absence)

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(1215/52/10/IM)

NOTED:

(Mayor Prendergast joined the meeting at 9.21am.)

(Councillor Pannett joined the meeting at 9.22am.)

38. Marie Russell addressed the Subcommittee regarding the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan and the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy. Ms Russell was concerned by the definitions contained in the consultation documents. Ms Russell discussed the significance of the Community Facility Policy as the mechanism of managing the use,

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and any closures within Wellington City Council's libraries. Ms Russell asked that the Policy incorporate a commitment by the Council to keeping Wellington City libraries open and maintaining the levels of service.

39. Tom Law addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Newtown Community Centre. Mr Law discussed the services offered by the Newtown Community Centre and acknowledged the support for their community facilities. The Newtown Community Centre operates the Newtown Community Theatre and adjoining community hall, as well as the separate Newtown Hall that is owned by the Council and the Newtown Hub building. Mr Law noted that patronage at all of these facilities is increasing from residents and community groups coming from across the inner suburbs of Wellington City.

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 9.41am.)

40. Tom Law addressed the Subcommittee regarding the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy. Mr Law was concerned by the community centre provisions contained in the Policy and provided the Subcommittee with feedback.

(The meeting adjourned at 9.44am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 9.50am.)

(Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 9.54am.)

41. Warwick Taylor, Ron Oliver and Jocelyn Brooks addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Wellington Residents' Coalition. Mr Taylor was concerned that three consultation processes that took place simultaneously. Mr Taylor noted that the shift in the ratings differential would increase costs for residential ratepayers. Mr Taylor asked the Subcommittee to shift its focus away from the Rugby World Cup 2011 and instead work on meeting the needs of Wellington City in the longer-term. Ms Brooks discussed the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan and asked that the Council engage with the community in relation to climate change planning for the Wellington waterfront. Ms Brooks suggested the earnings from emissions trading credits should be directed back to covering the costs of the volunteers from the community. Ms Brooks noted particular issues with public transport in Wellington and discussed the possibility of exploring the use of biofuels in Wellington City. Mr Oliver was concerned about possible reductions in library services arising from the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy, and noted that the explanations contained in the document are unclear.

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(Councillor Best left the meeting at 10.01am.)

42. Duncan Priest addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. Mr Priest noted his concerns about the poor performance of Wellington's public transport network. As a mechanism of covering improvement costs, Mr Priest proposed that tolls be introduced to State Highways One and Two at Ngauranga Gorge and along the road to Horokiwi. Mr Priest believed that directing the revenue toward improvements in the Wellington metropolitan railway system would have regional and climate change benefits. The Subcommittee advised Mr Priest that the Greater Wellington Regional Council had authority over public transport in the Wellington Region, including the metropolitan railway network.

TABLED, 'Submission by Duncan Priest to WCC 17 May 2010',
handout by Duncan Priest (labelled 07/10DPA).

(Councillor Best returned to the meeting at 10.12am.)

43. Bill Courtney, Catherine Cooper and Todd Morton addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Khandallah School. Mr Courtney asked that the Council restore its proposal to provide funding for individual school pools. Mr Courtney noted that this would create increased opportunities for children in Wellington City to participate in the learn to swim programmes. Mr Morton, who coordinates the Ezy Swim programme based out of Khandallah School, noted that there is high demand for Ezy Swim's learn to swim programmes coming from across the City. He noted that the revenue from the classes covered the ongoing operational costs of the pool. Mr Morton noted that more school pools would encourage local schools to partner with private learn to swim providers and meet the shortage in learn to swim programmes around Wellington City.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.23am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.41am.)

(Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Ritchie, and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

44. Aaron Packard addressed the Subcommittee on behalf 350 Aotearoa, a climate change group initiated by young people. Mr Packard discussed the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Mr Packard supported the incorporation of a priority cycle way into the Action Plan. Mr Packard discussed particular aspects of the Draft Action Plan, including capping the emissions produced by the Wellington International Airport. Mr Packard asked that the Council takes a leadership role in advocating for cutting carbon emissions by residents around the country.

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45. Paul Bruce addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Appropriate Technology for Living Association (ATLA). Mr Bruce discussed the challenges with achieving the climate change goals contained in the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Mr Bruce suggested that the Council focus on increased engagement with residents by encouraging a modal shift in residents' transport methods. Mr Bruce noted that safer cycle routes and shared spaces would encourage residents to cycle and the improvements on the bus way along the Golden Mile supported greater use of public transport. Mr Bruce did not support increased parking provisions within the central city.
46. Stephen Wainwright addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Creative New Zealand. Mr Wainwright acknowledged the Council's ongoing support and leadership for arts and culture in Wellington City and for local government in New Zealand. Mr Wainwright noted that Creative New Zealand had been undertaking a review into the future of arts and their funding sources in Wellington to better equip Wellington as an arts-friendly city.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.13am.)

47. Michael Mellor addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Trans Action and Public Transport Voice. Mr Mellor discussed public transport provisions contained in the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan and proposed several improvements for the public transport network in Wellington. Mr Mellor noted that Wellington has an advantage in electrification of vehicles through trolley buses and the suburban rail links. Mr Mellor noted that the rail terminus at the northern end of the city discourages train use for commuters travelling to the southern areas of the central business district. Mr Mellor suggested that light rail be used through the Golden Mile to better promote rail as an option for commuter transport through the City.
48. Matthew Johnson addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Transend Limited. Mr Johnson noted his support for the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan and proposed the Council adopt a computer energy saving plan to reduce the organisation's energy consumption. Mr Johnson provided the Subcommittee with a presentation outlining the benefits and returns on installing energy saving software on the Wellington City Council's computer network.

TABLED, 'PC Power Management', presentation by Matthew Johnson (labelled 07/10DPB).

(The meeting adjourned at 11.31am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 11.40am.)

(Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Best returned to the meeting at 11.41am.)

49. Chris Marshall addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Lazy Seals Free Diving Club. Mr Marshall discussed the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy and the provision of Council-operated pool facilities within Wellington City. Mr Marshall noted that the pools had limited pool spaces and availability for aquatic sports. Mr Marshall supported the proposal to construct an additional swimming pool and noted the specific requirements for an aquatic sports approved facility (at 50m by 25m). Mr Marshall noted that pools of this size were available in other cities within New Zealand and should be available in Wellington City. Mr Marshall noted that the significant short-term cost would generate additional revenue from user charges to subsidise its construction and operations.

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 11.48am.)

50. Jane O’Laughlin addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Aro Valley Community Council. Ms O’Laughlin provided a presentation concerned with the unsuitable condition of the Aro Valley Community Centre. Ms O’Laughlin supported the repiling of the Aro Valley Community Centre as well as the proposed funding methodology for community centre funding across the City. Ms O’Laughlin noted that \$976,000 was set aside for a longer-term upgrade to the Aro Valley Community Hall and asked that this project be brought forward.

TABLED, ‘Draft annual plan submission’, presentation by Jane O’Laughlin (labelled 07/10DPC).

51. Dave McArthur addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Mr McArthur discussed the Energy Action programme that was initiated in Wellington in the 1990s and provided the Subcommittee with examples of other efforts that have supported positive movement to address climate change and reducing energy consumption in Wellington City.

TABLED, handout by Dave McArthur (labelled 07/10DPD).

52. Darryl Cockburn addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Mr Cockburn discussed parking arrangements and planning within Wellington City. Mr Cockburn provided the Subcommittee with the results of his survey on resident preferences for residential parking. Mr Cockburn was not supportive of the on-site parking rules contained in the Wellington City Council District Plan for residential areas.

TABLED, presentation and accompanying handouts from Darryl Cockburn (labelled 07/10DPE).

53. Barry Blackett addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Glenside Progressive Association. Mr Blackett discussed the funding for community facilities in Churton Park contained in the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy. Mr Blackett believed that an indoor facility was appropriate for Churton Park if it was not duplicating facilities available elsewhere. Mr Blackett proposed that outdoor recreational facility funding be used to construct a walking and cycling tracks through the hills above Churton Park and Glenside.

TABLED, 'Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan', handout by Barry Blackett (labelled 07/10DPF).

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.31pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.31pm)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Gill, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

54. Ed Crampton addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Churton Park Community Association. Mr Crampton discussed the proposal for the construction of community facilities in Churton Park contained in the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy. Mr Crampton asked that the Council consider community facilities for the suburb as a high priority.

TABLED, '2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy', presentation by Ed Crampton (labelled 07/10DPG).

55. Seth Hickling addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Mr Hickling suggested that the Council replicate the model used for engaging residents with civil defence and the Wellington Emergency Management Office in addressing its climate change concerns under the Plan. Mr Hickling believed that the focus should be on how to enable individuals to take action on climate change and encourage neighbourhood discussions.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 1.50pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 1.51pm.)

56. Peter Hunt and Ken New addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the New Zealand Forest and Bird Society. Mr Hunt explained the history of climate change warnings in relation to the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Mr New advised that the New Zealand Forest and Bird Society was supportive of Wellington becoming a carbon neutral city before 2030, which would bring significant health, wellbeing and economic benefits.
57. Tim Jones addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Mr Jones was supportive of the Action Plan but asked that the Council use the plan as a shift from climate change preparation to action. Mr Jones discussed the significance of sea level rise for Wellington City's low lying transport infrastructure and suggested that the Council refocus its transport priorities on reducing vehicle emissions.

TABLED, 'Oral submission on WCC's draft Climate Change Action Plan', handout by Tim Jones (labelled 07/10DPH).

(Councillor Wain joined the meeting at 2.06pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 2.13pm.)

58. Carol Comber, Karen Smythe and Ross Tanner addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Mount Cook Mobilised in relation to the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy. Ms Smythe discussed the Mount Cook community's need for a meeting space. The space would bring together neighbourhood activities and eliminate the need for local groups to meet in individual homes or rent spaces from commercial operators. Ms Comber asked that the Council assist Mount Cook Mobilised in identifying what facilities are currently available and how it might support the community activities within the suburb.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 2.20pm.)

59. Margaret Gordon addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Dr Gordon was supportive of the Council's plan to lease electric vehicles. In relation to public transport, Dr Gordon suggested the induction buses replace the diesel and trolley buses within Wellington City's bus fleet, she supported light rail from the Hutt Valley and Johnsonville heading out to the airport and believed a time-regulated public transport fare structure would be more effective than the current zone pricing. Dr Gordon provided the Subcommittee with some suggestions on improving cycle and pedestrian safety to encourage increased cycling and walking.

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TABLED, 'Oral presentation to Transport section of Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan', handout by Margaret Gordon (labelled 07/10DPI).

60. Cliff Bowden addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Capital Football. Mr Bowden explained the ongoing issues experienced by Capital Football in ground availability and discussed the success with the Council's artificial turf installation. Mr Bowden compared Wellington City's ground availability, particularly around their performance in wet weather, with the availability of fields in other cities within the Wellington Region. Mr Bowden noted that Upper Hutt and Porirua have greater wet-weather availability than the natural grass pitches in Wellington City. Mr Bowden provided the Subcommittee with a schedule of club membership numbers over the past four years.

TABLED, handout by Cliff Bowden (labelled 07/10DPJ).

TABLED, 'Submission WCC Draft Plan', presentation by Cliff Bowden (labelled 07/10DPK).

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 2.40pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 2.44pm.)

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 2.45pm.)

61. Michael Taylor addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan and the 2010 Climate Change Action Plan. Mr Taylor was concerned by timing of the various consultation programmes running simultaneously for residents to respond to. Mr Taylor discussed the proposal to introduce limitations on water consumption around Wellington and asked that the Council consider the possibility of adjusting water charges for those controlling their water consumption through water meter.

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 2.50pm.)

(The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.52pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 3.16pm)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Gill, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Wade-Brown, and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

62. Kent Duston addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Mount Victoria Residents' Association. Mr Duston noted that the Association is supportive of the targets within the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan but asked that they be widened to incorporate transport emission. Mr Duston suggested a ban on cars travelling along Lambton Quay and that the Council install bus only lanes along Courtenay Place. Mr Duston suggested the Council lobbies central

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Government for the authority to implement congestion charges to resolve road congestion issues within Wellington City. Mr Duston noted that the Mount Victoria Residents' Association has already discussed pedestrian and cycle links between Mount Victoria and Hataitai with the New Zealand Transport Authority. Mr Duston was not supportive of the proposed spending for the Rugby World Cup 2011, including the associated sculpture. However, the Mount Victoria Residents' Association did support funding for the Maori Heritage Trail signage.

63. Rory O'Connor addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the planned Amesbury Drive School in Churton Park. Mr O'Connor discussed the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy and noted that the planning for the new school in Churton Park will incorporate the appropriate facilities. Mr O'Connor advised that the school was willing to partner with Wellington City Council for the construction of community facilities in Churton Park.
64. Molly Melhuish addressed the Subcommittee regarding the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Ms Melhuish discussed alternative energy sources, such as dried firewood, and noted that utilising kiln dried landscaping waste would divert waste product away from the landfill and provide a valuable source of renewable energy.

TABLED, 'Supplementary submission to the Wellington City Council, Climate Change action plan', handout by Molly Melhuish (labelled 07/10DPL).

Moved by Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Best, the procedural motion that the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee adjourn its business to reconvene at 9.15am on Tuesday, 18 May 2010.

The procedural motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee:

1. *Adjourn its business to reconvene at 9.15am on Tuesday, 18 May 2010.*

(The meeting adjourned at 3.51pm.)

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(The meeting reconvened at 9.21am on Tuesday, 18 May 2010.)

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast	(9.21am-10.28am, 11.13am-12.34pm, 1.50pm-2.33pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.21am-10.28am, 10.56am-12.34pm, 1.30pm-2.33pm)
Councillor Best	(9.21am-10.28am, 10.56am-12.34pm, 1.30pm-2.33pm)
Councillor Foster	(9.21am-10.28am, 10.56am-11.23am, 11.32am-12.34pm, 1.30pm-2.33pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Chair)	(9.21am-10.28am, 10.56am-11.15am, 1.30pm-1.56pm)
Councillor Morrison	(9.21am-10.28am, 11.03am-12.34pm, 1.30pm-2.33pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(9.21am-10.28am, 10.56am-11.04am, 11.06am-12.34pm, 1.30pm-2.33pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Coughlan	(9.21am-10.28am, 12.05pm-12.34pm, 1.30pm-2.33pm)
Councillor Gill	(9.21am-10.28am, 10.56am-11.00am, 11.02am-12.34pm)
Councillor Pannett	(9.30am-10.28am, 10.56am-12.34pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.21am-10.28am, 10.59am-11.57am, 12.02pm-12.09pm, 12.13pm-12.28pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(10.59am-12.34pm)
Councillor Wain	(11.05am-12.34pm, 1.30pm-2.33pm)

APOLOGIES:

None

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NOTED:

65. Sally King addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy. Ms King discussed the access restrictions to the Thorndon Swimming Pool and suggested that the installation of a bulkhead at the pool would improve the facility for the wider community. Ms King noted that local schools are required to transport their students to the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie and this requires them to take time out of their school day.

(Councillor Pannett joined the meeting at 9.30am.)

66. Trevor Glogau addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Thorndon Residents' Association. Mr Glogau discussed the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy and noted that the Association has received the support of local schools and other community organisations in its advocacy for further development and investment in the Thorndon Swimming Pool. Mr Glogau explained the development options for the Pool, including commenting on the retractable roof and the installation of a bulkhead.
67. Donald Armstrong addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy. Mr Armstrong noted that policies put in place by Wellington City Council should take into account the focus on Wellington as an international city. Mr Armstrong discussed the planning options for a new pool, including the location of training and pool administration facilities. Mr Armstrong noted that construction of another swimming pool would have long-term benefits that exceed the short-term construction cost.
68. Bernie Harris addressed the meeting on behalf of the Vogelmoor Kingston Residents' Association, the Brooklyn Residents' Association and the Federation of Wellington Residents' and Progressive Associations. Mr Harris discussed his submissions on the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan and the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy. Mr Harris noted his experience with the New Zealand Institute of Management and discussed the participatory decision-making model set up for local government through section 14 of the Local Government Act 2002. Mr Harris explained his concerns over the Wellington City Council's rating policy and how he felt it had previously failed to reflect the international standards for depreciation. In relation to the Community Facilities Policy, Mr Harris discussed his experience in learning to swim at a young age, and then going on to teach sports to young people, including a champion New Zealand diver.

TABLED, 'The Freemasons Charity: A tradition of caring', pamphlet featuring Bernie Harris (labelled 08/10DPA).

69. Bev Aspros, Signe Christensen, Tishaun Brown and Dylan Everett addressed the meeting on behalf of Miramar South School and the Wellington South Nursing Initiative. The delegation addressed the meeting in relation to the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy. Ms Christensen explained the Wellington South Nursing Initiative and Ms Aspros explained the significance of the advantages of the school's swimming programme. Ms Aspros discussed the costs associated with offering swimming education to students at the Miramar South School. Students from Miramar South School, Tishaun Brown and Dylan Everett, explained the advantages of learn to swim programmes for school students and the safety benefits for knowing how to swim.

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TABLED, 'Wellington South Child & Family Nursing Service', pamphlet provided by Bev Aspros and Signe Christensen (labelled 08/10DPB).

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.28am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.56am.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Foster, Gill, McKinnon, Pannett, and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

70. Julie-Anne Garnons-Williams addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Accident Compensation Corporation. Ms Garnons-Williams discussed the Council 'safe communities' accreditation, and the ongoing programme of work in maintaining it through enforcing health and safety practices at home, at work and on the road. Ms Garnons-Williams discussed the opportunities for Wellington to reduce its pedestrian injuries and asked that additional pedestrian and road safety performance measures be incorporated into the 2010/2011 Annual Plan.

TABLED, 'What is a WHO Safe Community?', handout by Julie-Anne Garnons-Williams (labelled 08/10DPC).

(Councillors Pepperell and Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.59am.)

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 11.00am.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 11.02am.)

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 11.03am.)

(Councillor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 11.04am.)

(Councillor Wain joined the meeting at 11.05am.)

(Councillor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 11.06am.)

71. Barbara Mitcalfe addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. Ms Mitcalfe provided feedback on the publication of the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan, suggesting that the Council increases the size of text in the document and discontinues plastic covers on the publication. Ms Mitcalfe discussed the Council's continued ecological restoration work at the Berhampore Nursery and on the Town Belt and suggested options for better use of green open spaces, controls on the water supply and guarding against leaks, as well as waste reduction and energy conservation. Ms Mitcalfe proposed that Otari-Wilton Bush and the Botanic Gardens be incorporated into the list of tourist attractions within Wellington City and asked for additional funding for restoration work on Taputeranga Island. Ms Mitcalfe provided feedback on the new funding initiatives for transport network developments.

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 11.13am.)
(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 11.15am.)
(Mayor Prendergast assumed the Chair.)
(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 11.23am.)

72. Paul Turner addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Landlink. Mr Turner asked that the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan be considered in conjunction or alongside the Greater Wellington Regional Council's climate change action strategies. Mr Turner provided the Subcommittee with an explanation of the economic and environmental opportunities through Wellington becoming a 'sustainable city' and proposed the introduction of 'green neighbourhoods' for smart growth.

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 11.32am.)

73. Liz Springfield addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan and the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Ms Springfield provided the Subcommittee with a presentation about the options for resolving the climate change crisis that the world is facing. Ms Springfield discussed air and land transport remedies to mitigate carbon emissions and presented a number of options for how to encourage better transport behaviour. Ms Springfield was concerned by the funding allocation to mitigating climate change effects in comparison to other projects funded through the Annual Plan.

TABLED, presentation by Liz Springfield (labelled 08/10DPD).

74. Dr Scott Metcalfe addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of OraTaiao. Dr Metcalfe provided a presentation on climate change in relation to his submissions on the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan and the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Dr Metcalfe discussed climate change as a key health and wellbeing issue for the world's population and presented a comparison of climate change data through different countries around the world. Dr Metcalfe asked that the targets in the Climate Change Action Plan be revised to more emergent levels to indicate the urgency of the present climate situation.

TABLED, 'OraTaiao: NZ Climate & Health', presentation by Dr Scott Metcalfe (labelled 08/10DPE).

75. David Perks addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Positively Wellington Tourism. Mr Perks discussed the Rugby World Cup 2011 project funding components contained within the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. Mr Perks noted that Positively Wellington Tourism has recently commenced its Australian marketing programme and he provided the Subcommittee with results so far – Australian arrivals into Wellington are growing. Mr Perks discussed the work of Positively Wellington Tourism with other Wellington attractions in preparation for the City during Rugby World Cup 2011.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.57am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 12.02pm.)

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 12.05pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 12.09pm.)

76. Charles Finney and Jeremy Harding addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce. Mr Finney discussed the ratings proposals, events attraction and tourism promotion funding contained in the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. Mr Finney asked that the Council consider spreading the costs of tourism activities to the general rate and not just from the Downtown Levy as is currently the case. He also asked that the development contributions policy be reviewed. In regards to the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan, Mr Finney suggested that the Council dispose of its shares in Wellington International Airport and invest in developing Wellington's local infrastructure.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 12.13pm.)

77. Pele Tui addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Strathmore Community School and Strathmore community groups who use the school's facilities. Ms Tui discussed the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy and provided the Subcommittee with elevation drawings of the proposed development at Strathmore Community School. Ms Tui discussed the benefits of basing learn to swim facilities from local school pools. Ms Tui discussed the current experience of moving students to the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre for swimming education and noted the limited individualised programmes available at the Wellington City Council facility. Ms Tui noted that a partnership between local schools and the Wellington City Council would bring greater benefits to the learn to swim programmes. Ms Tui asked that the Council reconsiders its decision to remove the local school pool funding.

TABLED, pool building elevations provided by Pele Tui (labelled 08/10DPF).

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 12.28pm.)

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.34pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.30pm.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Coughlan, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Wade-Brown, and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor McKinnon re-assumed the Chair.)

78. Ross McKitterick and Andrew Berry addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Wellington Aquatic Sports. Mr McKitterick discussed the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy and noted that they represent a high proportion to users of Wellington City pools. Mr McKitterick discussed the changes in the aquatic sports sector since the City's current pools were built leaving the Wellington region unable to compete with sports events offered by other areas of New Zealand. Mr McKitterick encouraged the construction of an additional pool at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre as a mechanism of meeting the additional demand on pool facilities within the City. Mr Berry noted that the demand management scheme currently proposed in the Draft Community Facilities Policy already does not meet the existing demand by aquatic sports in Wellington. Mr Berry asked that the Council incorporate a longer-term vision for meeting the demands of swimming pool facilities in the future.

79. Greg Forsythe addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of Swimming Wellington. Mr Forsythe discussed the 2010 Draft Community Facilities Policy and discussed the limited capacity of Wellington City Council's existing pool resources. Mr Forsythe noted his concerns about rising prices for swimming in Wellington City. Mr Forsythe noted that the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre is the only pool in Wellington capable of holding a competitive water polo event and the congestion at this facility would be eased by the construction of an additional pool.

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 1.50pm.)

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 1.56pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast assumed the Chair.)

80. Frank Cook addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan and the 2010 Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Mr Cook provided the Subcommittee with a table identifying the trends on Wellington City's water use and reticulation. Mr Cook discussed the consumption levels of water and noted the residential water use figures in Wellington compared with other areas New Zealand. Mr Cook noted the importance of available water for the New Zealand Fire Service and the requirements for local government

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to ensure water is available. Mr Cook noted that water charging does not make sense when the cost of supplying water is largely infrastructure-based.

TABLED, 'Supplementary Submission on Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011', handout by Frank Cook (labelled 08/10DPG).

81. Alan Royal and Philippa McDonald addressed the Subcommittee on behalf of the Disability Reference Group. Mr Royal thanked Councillor Pannett and Council Officers for their support and administration of the Wellington City Council's Disability Reference Group. Mr Royal discussed the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan and asked that an additional focus on accessibility be incorporated into the plan. Mr Royal explained the importance of creating accessible resources in consultation, planning and construction activities by Council, and noted the example of the design of the Council's climate change publications. Mr Royal asked for an accessibility performance measure to be incorporated into the Council's planning and feedback.
82. Fa'afetai Tui addressed the Subcommittee in relation to the 2010/2011 Draft Annual Plan. Mr Tui discussed his involvement in local church, sports and school groups and noted his support for the Council to partner with local schools, particularly Strathmore Community School, in the provision of local swimming pools. Mr Tui noted that after he arrived in New Zealand, he had a teacher that spent a lot of time with him in the swimming pool, which ended up saving his life when he was in an accident on the sea. Mr Tui encouraged the Council to fund pool facilities in local schools.

09/10DP **MEETING PROCEDURE**
(1215/52/10/IM)

Moved by Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, the substantive motion.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee:

1. *Agree that the minutes of this meeting will be submitted to the Chair of the Draft Annual Plans Hearings Subcommittee for approval and will then be submitted to the Strategy and Policy Committee for confirmation by those Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee members present; and,*

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2. *Note that the draft minutes of the Draft Annual Plan Hearings Subcommittee, together with a summary of consultation, will be included in the report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee.*

The meeting concluded at 2.33pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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