
MINUTES

THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2010

9.20AM – 10.30AM

10.50AM – 12.38PM

1.03PM – 3.08PM

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast	(11.57am-12.38pm, 1.03pm-3.08pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.20am-10.30am, 10.53am-12.38pm, 1.06pm-3.08pm)
Councillor Best	(9.20am-10.30am, 10.50am-12.38pm, 1.03pm-2.49pm, 2.52pm-3.08pm)
Councillor Cook	(9.20am-10.30am, 10.50am-11.07am, 11.25am-12.38pm, 1.04pm-2.05pm, 2.09pm-2.44pm)
Councillor Coughlan	(9.22am-10.30am, 10.53am-12.38pm, 1.03pm-2.50pm)
Councillor Foster (Chair)	(9.20am-10.30am, 10.50am-11.59am, 2.05pm-3.08pm)
Councillor Gill	(9.20am-10.30am, 10.59am-11.07am, 11.12am-12.03pm, 12.10pm-12.38pm, 1.03pm-2.05pm, 2.13pm-2.32pm, 2.42pm-2.53pm)
Councillor Goulden	(9.20am-10.30am, 10.50am-12.38pm, 1.03pm-1.57pm, 2.02pm-3.08pm)
Councillor McKinnon (Deputy Chair)	(9.20am-10.30am, 10.50am-12.38pm, 1.03pm-3.08pm)
Councillor Morrison	(9.20am-10.27am, 10.50am-12.38pm, 1.03pm-3.08pm)
Councillor Pannett	(9.20am-10.30am, 10.50am-12.38pm, 1.03pm-3.08pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.20am-10.30am, 10.50am-11.37am, 11.39am-12.38pm, 1.03pm-1.54pm, 1.56pm-2.05pm, 2.07pm-2.49pm, 2.50pm-3.08pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.20am-10.00am, 10.03am-10.30am, 10.51am-11.11am, 11.17am-12.38pm, 1.03pm-3.08pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(9.20am-10.30am, 10.50am-12.38pm)
Councillor Wain	(9.20am-10.30am, 10.50am-12.38pm, 1.03pm-2.33pm)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast (for lateness)
Councillor Coughlan (for lateness)

IN ATTENDANCE (DEMOCRATIC SERVICES):

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

079/10P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved by the Chair, seconded Councillor McKinnon, that the Strategy and Policy Committee accept apologies for lateness from Mayor Prendergast and Councillor Coughlan.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for lateness from Mayor Prendergast and Councillor Coughlan.*

080/10P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Councillor Foster declared a conflict in relation to Report Two – Draft Gambling Venues Policy.

081/10P **PETITIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no petitions.

(Councillor Coughlan joined the meeting at 9.22am.)

082/10P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

As an expected public participant was not present, the Chair stated that the order of business would be amended and the Committee would hear Reports One and Two before Public Participation and Deputations and would then move to Report Four.

083/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT (9.23am-9.39am)**
REDUCTIONS: KILBIRNIE AND ISLAND BAY SHOPPING AREAS
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Patrick Morgan addressed the in relation to the proposed speed limit reduction in the Kilbirnie shopping area (cf. submission 12K). Mr Morgan supported the proposed speed limit reduction and noted that research has demonstrated safety benefits for pedestrians and cyclists when vehicles are moving slower. Mr Morgan noted that a reduction in the speed through the Kilbirnie shopping area would not impact the overall traffic travel time. Mr Morgan explained metropolitan London's 'twenty is plenty' campaign in relation to lowering the speed of vehicles moving through pedestrian-heavy areas to 20 mph.
2. Bernard O'Shaughnessy addressed the Committee in relation to the proposed speed limit reductions in the Island Bay and Kilbirnie shopping areas (cf. submissions 7IB and 8K). Mr O'Shaughnessy proposed a 40 km/h city-wide speed limit around Wellington city, with a reduction to 20km/h in school and hospital zones. Mr O'Shaughnessy believed that the existing speed limits across Wellington were inconsistent and, at times, drivers were confused about what speed zone they were travelling in. Mr O'Shaughnessy asked the Committee to consider varying the speed limits for the time of the day with a 40km/h city-wide speed limit during peak times and 50km/h speed limit in the evening and overnight. Mr O'Shaughnessy noted lower speeds would help to protect children from the dangers of traffic moving around them.

TABLED, 'Pokies', handout by Bernard O'Shaughnessy (labelled 083/10PA).

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor McKinnon, the procedural motion to adjourn the business under discussion and return to Report One later in the meeting.

The procedural motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Adjourn the business under discussion and return to Report One later in the meeting.*

084/10P **DECOMMISSIONED TARANAKI STREET HERITAGE MEN'S TOILETS** (9.39am-9.41am)
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)

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

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Notes that Officers will be seeking expressions of interest to develop the decommissioned Taranaki Street toilet building.*
3. *Authorises Officers to conduct public consultation under section 138 of the Local Government Act 2002 in the event that any proposed development seeks to incorporate any of the land surrounding the building.*
4. *Notes that Officers will report back to the Committee following consultation.*

085/10P **NEWLANDS CENTRE PLAN** (9.42am-10.06am)
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.00am)
(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.03am.)

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that the draft Newlands Centre Plan was approved by the Committee in October 2009 and a total of 61 comments were received during the consultation period over November and December 2009.*
3. *Agree that funding implications for the proposed McMillan Court car park and public space improvements (Action Plan, Table 2 in the*

officer's report) be included for consideration as part of the 2011/12 Annual Plan prioritisation process.

4. *Note that any funding implications (including the application of development contributions) for other proposed projects (Action Plan, Table 3 in the officer's report) will be included as appropriate for consideration as part of future Annual Plan/LTCCP prioritisation processes.*
5. *Agree that any funds from the sale of Council-owned land within Newlands Centre, including land associated with the McMillan Court road-stopping proposal, be reinvested into the Newlands Centre revitalisation actions.*
6. *Delegate to the Portfolio Leader for Urban Development and the Chief Executive the authority to make any changes to the Plan, required as a result of decisions of this Committee, prior to the Plan being referred to Council.*
7. *Agree to recommend to Council that it:*
 - (a) *Adopt the Newlands Centre Plan (attached as Appendix 2 to the officer's report).*
 - (b) *Delegate to the Portfolio Leader for Urban Development and the Chief Executive the authority to make any changes to the Plan required as a result of the decisions of Council, prior to its publication.*

086/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT (10.06am-11.59am)
REDUCTIONS: KILBIRNIE AND ISLAND BAY
SHOPPING AREAS (CONTINUED)**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Ioane Penese addressed the Committee in relation to the proposed speed limit reduction in the Kilbirnie shopping area (cf. submission 30K). Mr Penese is a resident in Kilbirnie and has been concerned for the safety of pedestrians walking through the Kilbirnie shopping area on many occasions. Mr Penese noted that pedestrians in Kilbirnie are often elderly and more at risk from higher speed traffic. Mr Penese was supportive of the proposed speed reduction in Kilbirnie.

2. Christopher Brown addressed the Committee in relation to the proposed speed limit reduction in the Island Bay shopping area (cf. submission 87IB). Mr Brown provided a presentation noting his concern with traffic speeds in the streets surrounding the Island Bay shopping area. Mr Brown noted the speed through Avon and Clyde Streets, where there are a number of schools, early childhood centres, and many households have young children. Mr Brown felt that reducing the speed through the Island Bay shopping area may encourage traffic to use Clyde Street as a bypass when the main shopping street was congested. Mr Brown proposed increased intersection controls at the corner of Avon and Clyde Streets, the installation of speed bumps or a speed camera, as possible mechanisms to better control the speed of drivers using the road.

TABLED, ‘Oral Submission to the Wellington City Council Strategy and Policy Committee concerning the reduction of speed limit in the Island Bay shops’ presentation by Christopher Brown (labelled 086/10PA).

3. Paula Warren addressed the Committee in relation to the proposed speed limit reductions in the Island Bay and Kilbirnie shopping areas (cf. submissions 315IB and 104K). Ms Warren supported the reduction in speed limits in the two areas and noted that these shopping areas are becoming increasingly significant under the Wellington City Council’s suburban centres plan. Ms Warren was concerned about the traffic flow down Onepu Road in Kilbirnie as many pedestrians use it as a thoroughfare between the major retailers in the area. Ms Warren noted that traffic speeds along Onepu Road are not addressed by the proposed speed limit reductions.

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 10.27pm.)

4. Paula Warren addressed the Committee on behalf of Living Streets Aotearoa Incorporated in relation to the proposed speed limit reductions in the Island Bay and Kilbirnie shopping areas (cf. submissions 313IB and 105K). Ms Warren noted the benefits to pedestrians and other road users when traffic is moving at slower speeds. Ms Warren believed that a reduction of speeds within the area would send clearer messages to drivers to be aware of the environment around them.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10.50am.)

(Councillors Best, Cook, Foster, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.51am.)

5. Illona Keenan addressed the Committee on behalf of Cycle Aware Wellington in relation to the proposed speed limit reductions in the Island Bay and Kilbirnie shopping areas (cf. 320IB and 130K). Cycle Aware Wellington is supportive of both proposals and agrees with the wide range of safety benefits for cyclists and other road users by slowing traffic through the Island Bay and Kilbirnie shopping areas.

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer and Coughlan returned to the meeting at 10.53am.)

Ms Keenan noted that the submission from Cycle Aware Wellington on the speed limit reduction in Island Bay also included a proposal to extend the speed limit reduction to incorporate the school zones in Clyde Street.

6. Anne Brunt addressed the Committee on behalf of the Island Bay Residents' Association in relation to the proposed speed limit reduction in the Island Bay shopping area (cf. submission 375IB). At a recent community meeting, the Island Bay residents had voted unanimously to support the speed limit reduction within the Island Bay shopping area. The community had also proposed extending the reduction down to Medway Street because of the businesses and community facilities slightly further down the street from the main shopping area.

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 10.59am.)

Ms Brunt noted that the traffic congestion within the Island Bay shopping area is likely to grow with an increase in population. Ms Brunt noted the placement of the existing pedestrian crossing and asked the Committee to consider recommending relocating the crossing further towards the main shopping area. Ms Brunt noted additional concerns had been raised at the community meeting in regard to the impact of the speed limit reduction on traffic in Clyde Street.

7. Ifor Owen addressed the Committee in relation to the proposed speed limit reduction in the Island Bay shopping area (cf. submission 326IB). Mr Owen has been a resident in Island Bay for more than forty years and expressed concerns over the on-street parking provision through the Island Bay shopping area. Mr Owen noted that angled parking is a safety concern for cyclists, drivers and pedestrians, and suggested installing a cycle-lane between the parking spaces and the footpath to improve pedestrian safety.

(Councillors Cook and Gill left the meeting at 11.07am.)

Mr Owen believed that the bus stop in the Island Bay shopping area was poorly placed and hazardous to drivers using the intersection and that the speed of vehicles should not be the Committee's only concern in the Island Bay shopping area.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.11am.)

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

8. NZAA Councillor Alex Gray addressed the Committee representing the NZAA in relation to the proposed speed limit reductions in the Island Bay and Kilbirnie shopping areas (cf. submissions 367IB and 127K). The NZAA does not support lowering the speed limits in the Island Bay and Kilbirnie shopping areas because they would be largely unenforceable with no evidence to support the claim that lower speeds are beneficial for pedestrian safety in the areas. Mr Gray noted that the speed limit reduction in the Tinakori Road shopping area has had little impact on the traffic going through the area possibly because no gateway had been constructed to assist with the speed limit transition. Mr Gray provided the Committee with tables of incidents and mean traffic speeds through Island Bay and Kilbirnie and pointed out that the existing traffic lights within Kilbirnie already slowed traffic flow to below 30km/h. Mr Gray believes that Island Bay requires better linkages to the existing crossings.

TABLED, 'Proposed 30km speed limits Island Bay and Kilbirnie', handout by Alex Gray (labelled 086/10PB).

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.17am.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 11.25am.)

9. Senior Sergeant Richard Hocken addressed the Committee on behalf of the New Zealand Police in relation to the proposed speed limit reductions in the Island Bay and Kilbirnie shopping areas (cf. submissions 378IB and 103K). The New Zealand Police support the proposed reductions in speed limits on the condition that they be complimented by changes to the road surface illustrating the new speeds. The road through the Island Bay shopping area is considered an arterial route and through enhancing the existing gateway treatment a speed limit change would be effective. Mr Hocken noted that Kilbirnie has an active shopping area with traffic moving in and out of on-street and off-street car parking spaces as well as high pedestrian movement. Mr Hocken felt that concerns over speeds in residential areas in Kilbirnie should be considered separately to the Committee's consideration of speed limit changes within the shopping area. Mr Hocken pointed out that previous statements in the media about the non-enforcement of lower speeds by the Police were inaccurate. Mr Hocken advised the Committee that because the Island Bay and Kilbirnie shopping areas have high pedestrian and traffic volumes, the Police would enforce the new speeds if they were put into place.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.37am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.39am.)

10. Willemjin Vermaat addressed the Committee in relation to the proposed speed limit reduction in the Island Bay shopping area (cf. submission 16IB). Ms Vermaat provided a presentation explaining the benefits of lower speeds in shared spaces between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. Ms Vermaat noted the importance of responding to the needs of pedestrians by regulating traffic speeds via speed limits and road surface treatments. Ms Vermaat believed that shared space behaviour cannot be achieved simply through lowering speeds, but instead requires a change in behaviour by drivers and pedestrians. Ms Vermaat suggested engaging and educating the local communities in Island Bay and Kilbirnie to affect a speed limit change.

TABLED, 'Watch this Space... Is Wellington READY for shared spaces?' presentation by Willemjin Vermaat (labelled 086/10PC).

(Mayor Prendergast joined the meeting at 11.57am.)

087/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – DRAFT GAMBLING VENUES POLICY** (11.59am-2.05pm)
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

(Councillor Foster declared a conflict and left the table.)

Councillor McKinnon, as Deputy Chair of the Strategy and Policy Committee, assumed the Chair in the absence of Councillor Foster.

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 11.59am.)

NOTED:

1. Jocelyn O’Kane and Jude West addressed the Committee on behalf of WelCOSS (cf. submission 16). Ms O’Kane is primarily concerned about how social service providers in Wellington are locked into funding from gambling revenue when a large social problem within the community comes from gaming machines and venues. Ms O’Kane believed that there is a disparate distribution in gaming machines among different socio-economic areas within Wellington. Ms O’Kane noted that WelCOSS supports the ‘sinking lid’ approach to regulating the number of gaming machines in Wellington city. Ms O’Kane asked for greater support in finding transparency in the distribution of gaming revenue funds.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 12.03pm.)

2. Graeme Ramsey addressed the Committee on behalf of the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand (PGFNZ) (cf. submission 39). The PGFNZ are a provider of social assistance to people affected by problem gambling.

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 12.10pm.)

Mr Ramsey noted that local government has to balance the existing support for community organisations and charities gained from gambling revenue with the need to address the health and wellbeing concerns raised by problem gambling. Problem gambling numbers are decreasing in New Zealand and the PGFNZ supports a ‘sinking lid’ approach to gaming machines in Wellington city. Mr Ramsey noted that New Zealand and Australian research supports the ‘sinking lid’ policy and focuses on resolving problem gambling issues rather than shifting the problem elsewhere. Mr Ramsey provided the Committee with experiences of other jurisdictions and their solutions to problem gambling, such as in the Netherlands.

3. Phil Holden addressed the Committee on behalf of the Lion Foundation (cf. submission 17). The Lion Foundation has existed for 25 years and during this time has returned funding for around 3,000 community organisations. The Lion Foundation is supportive of a cap on gaming machines in Wellington city and Mr Holden provided a breakdown of the distribution of the Lion Foundation’s gaming revenue. Mr Holden noted that the Lion Foundation had returned around \$14m to the Wellington region over the last 12 months. Mr Holden provided the Committee with a presentation noting further studies that need to be undertaken on problem gambling in New Zealand and the Lion Foundation’s three-tiered approach to resolving problem gambling – education, prevention and treatment.

TABLED, ‘The Lion Foundation: Here for good’ presentation by Phil Holden (labelled 086/10PD).

4. Bernard O’Shaughnessy addressed the Committee (cf. submission 4). Mr O’Shaughnessy believes gaming machines should be made illegal and suggested that the Council provides funding to buy out gaming venues. Mr O’Shaughnessy noted that, as a resident of Newtown, he has not observed any improvements as a result of the allocation of gaming revenue to Newtown community organisations. Mr O’Shaughnessy identified other significant issues that he feels should take precedence and suggested better uses for Council funds.

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.38pm.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.03pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Best, Coughlan, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 1.04pm.)

5. Martin Cheer addressed the Committee on behalf of Pub Charity (cf. submission 49). Mr Cheer provided a presentation outlining the public health and public morality balance in addressing gaming machines and gambling venues.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 1.06pm.)

Mr Cheer asked that the Committee consider all stakeholders as part of its review of the Wellington City Council's Gambling Venues Policy. Mr Cheer noted that the 'sinking lid' approach was problematic and questioned the evidence previously provided to the Committee. Mr Cheer noted research from the Ministry of Health and Department of Internal Affairs outlining gaming machine growth and decline with the prevalence of problem gambling in New Zealand. Mr Cheer believed that there is not just one single factor that leads to problem gambling and that addressing machine ratio per population would not create a solution for other factors. Mr Cheer provided the Committee with an example of a smart phone application which enables users access to many gambling activities through their mobile phone.

TABLED, 'Presentation to the Wellington City Council: Gambling Policy Review' presentation by Martin Cheer (labelled 086/10PE).

6. Paul Matheson addressed the Committee on behalf of the New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) (cf. submission 31). The NZCT supports the proposed population cap on gaming venues and takes the issue of problem gambling seriously by educating their gaming venue staff on how to recognise and respond to problem gambling. Mr Matheson noted that the NZCT has partnered with Wellington City Council on a number of Wellington-based projects and that their decision-making bodies are structured in a way that ensures the funding needs of local community organisations are represented in their gaming revenue distribution.

TABLED, 'Submission to Wellington City Council on the proposed Gambling Venues Policy', handout by Paul Matheson (labelled 086/10PF).

7. Donald McDonald addressed the Committee (cf. submission 3). Mr McDonald noted his experience as a lotto educator and provided a breakdown of gaming returns for the gambling participant. Mr McDonald noted that gaming machines and software can be programmed to pre-designated gambling outcomes.

TABLED, 'WCC Gambling Venues Policy Submission: Pokies', handout by Donald McDonald (labelled 086/10PG).

8. Stuart Grant addressed the Committee on behalf of Capital E (cf. submission 33). Mr Grant noted that there is a need for Wellington City Council to balance the financial benefits from gambling revenue and the social needs of the community. Capital E supports the proposed population cap on gaming machines but does not support a grand-parenting clause. Mr Grant would like to see greater accountability in decision-making by gaming trusts to ensure that the needs of the local community are taken into account. Mr Grant suggested a regional assessment panel to assist the gaming trusts' decision-making on where to direct revenue and to increase accountability.
9. Vicki Hirini addressed the Committee on behalf of the Salvation Army Oasis Centre for Problem Gambling (cf. submission 26). Ms Hirini's primary concern is how gaming venues appear to be targeting vulnerable communities. Ms Hirini noted her experience in working with those affected by problem gambling and provided the Committee with examples of cases where there was a negative outcome as a primary result from problem gambling. Ms Hirini supported any efforts that Wellington City Council could take to minimise the harm caused by gaming machines.
10. Kate Zwartz and Peter Frater addressed the Committee on behalf of the Newtown Residents' Association (cf. submission 52). Mr Frater noted that there is a disproportionate number of gaming machines located in Newtown and the ability of Wellington City Council's Gambling Venues Policy to affect this is limited by legislation. The Newtown Residents' Association feels there are too high of a number of administrative bodies in the gaming industry and suggested establishing an independent body with responsibility for distributing gaming revenue to the community.
11. Sue Paterson addressed the Committee on behalf of the New Zealand International Arts Festival (cf. submission 41). The New Zealand International Arts Festival currently receives four percent of its income from the Lion Foundation as part of their gaming revenue redistribution so is an important source of funding for the Festival. Ms Paterson supported the proposed population cap and noted that New Zealand does not have a high prevalence of problem gambling. Ms Paterson believed that too many restrictions on gaming machines would lead gambling participants to gamble in private in their homes via the internet.

TABLED, 'New Zealand International Arts Festival: Gambling Policy Submission' presentation by Sue Paterson (labelled 086/10PH).

TABLED, 'Images of free events funded by gaming trusts', handout by Sue Paterson (labelled 086/10PI).

12. Jarrod True addressed the Committee on behalf of the New Zealand Racing Board (cf. submission 9). Mr True provided the Committee with a presentation outlining the TAB gaming venues in Wellington city, differentiated by the status of liquor in their premises. The New Zealand Racing Board does not support the proposed population cap on gaming machines in Wellington and Mr True noted that capping one venue is likely to move addicted gamblers to an alternative gaming venue or towards private, unregulated gaming facilities. TAB staff are trained in recognising and responding to problem gambling and the New Zealand Racing Board goes to great lengths to address problem gambling in its venues. Mr True noted that revenue from the TAB's operations is returned to the community through reputable local gaming trusts who are active within the community.

TABLED, 'Wellington City Council – TAB Board Venue Policy – Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy' presentation by Jarrod True (labelled 086/10PJ).

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 1.54pm.)

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

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 1.57pm.)

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 2.02pm.)

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 2.05pm.)

(Councillor Foster returned to the table and assumed the Chair.)

(Councillors Cook, Gill and Pepperell left the meeting at 2.05pm.)

088/10P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Toni Izard and Chris Watson addressed the Committee on behalf of the Wellington Civic Trust in relation to Report Four – Thorndon Quay – Proposed Parking Changes. The Wellington Civic Trust would like the Council to consider converting angled parking to parallel parking along Thorndon Quay. Ms Izard noted that a peak time clearway will reduce the Council's parking revenue and instead, suggested widening the footpath to accommodate a shared pedestrian and cycleway.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 2.07pm.)

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 2.09pm.)

2. Michael Taylor addressed the Committee supporting Report Four – Thorndon Quay – Proposed Parking Changes. Mr Taylor noted the importance of Thorndon Quay as part of the cycle route into the central business district from the northern and north-western suburbs. Mr Taylor asked the Council to continue making changes to better enable cycling access to Wellington City through Kaiwharawhara and along Hutt Road.

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 2.13pm.)

089/10P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Janie Cook and Claire Pascoe addressed the Committee on behalf of Cycle Aware Wellington supporting Report Four – Thorndon Quay – Proposed Parking Changes. Ms Cook and Ms Pascoe noted the significance of Thorndon Quay as part of Wellington’s cycling network, as a key feeder for cyclists in and out of the central business district. Ms Cook has been a commuter cyclist using Thorndon Quay for the last ten years and noted an increasing number of cyclists using the route. Ms Cook and Ms Pascoe believed the plan would address the safety concerns currently facing cyclists along Thorndon Quay. Ms Pascoe thanked Councillors and Council Officers for developing the plan.
2. Paul Robinson and Meredith Robinson addressed the Committee on behalf of the Woolstore Design Centre in relation to Report Four – Thorndon Quay – Proposed Parking Changes. Mr Robinson stressed the importance of on-street parking for customers of the retail businesses within their complex along Thorndon Quay. Mr Robinson had previously met with Council Officers to discuss the plan and feels that retaining some 90 minute parking along Thorndon Quay as recommended by Council Officers is important for their business. Ms Robinson noted that cyclists are often weaving in and out of slower traffic during peak time, creating a danger for motorists and pedestrians. Ms Robinson suggested increased visual indications for the cycleway including minor road surface treatments.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 2.32pm.)

(Councillor Wain left the meeting at 2.33pm.)

090/10P **THORNDON QUAY – PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES** (2.33pm-2.49pm)
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Foster, the substantive motion.

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 2.42pm.)
(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 2.44pm.)

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to recommend to Council that it:*
 - (a) *Approves a number of parking changes to give effect to a clearway on the southbound lane of Thorndon Quay as shown in Appendix 6 of the officer's report.*
 - (b) *Approves a change to 19 parking spaces on the southern side of Thorndon Quay at the western end from 90 minute maximum to 10 hour maximum.*

(Councillors Best and Pepperell left the meeting at 2.49pm.)

091/10P **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BUILDING ACT 2004** (2.50pm-3.08pm)
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Mayor Prendergast, the substantive motion.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 2.50pm.)
(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 2.50pm.)
(Councillor Best returned to the meeting at 2.52pm.)
(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 2.53pm.)

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett, the following amendment to recommendation two:

‘Agree to the submission to the Department of Building and Housing on the proposed changes to the Building Act 2004, **as amended**, attached as appendix one of the officer's report.’

With the following amendment to Part 2.1 of Appendix One of the officer's report:

‘Property sales

The proposal includes exemption for some work if it is done by an LBP. However, if the same work is not done by an LBP, building consent will be required. Without the consent process the onus will be on the owner to keep a record of who did the work, why it was exempt and how it complied. This information may not be supplied to the owner by the LBP or the information may not be passed on to later owners. Anecdotally, we have heard that the lack of a building consent or record of work for a property can become a bargaining point leading to a lower purchase price at the time the property is offered for sale.

We suggest the Department investigate options for ensuring the quality and consistency of pre-purchase inspections, such as a licensing regime for practitioners carrying out this work.’

The amendment was ACCEPTED by leave of the meeting.

The substantive motion, as amended, was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Agree to the submission to the Department of Building and Housing on the proposed changes to the Building Act 2004, as amended, attached as appendix one of the officer’s report.*
3. *Note that the closing date for this submission is 23 April 2010.*
4. *Delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to approve minor editorial changes and to give effect to any changes agreed by the Committee, prior to the submission being sent to the Department of Building and Housing.*
5. *Note that Wellington City Council will be contributing to a Wellington Region Building Consent Authorities Group (consisting of the eight BCA’s in the region) joint response to the Department of Building of Housing.*
6. *Delegate to officers the ability to sign off the regional BCA submission, on the condition that the regional submission does not materially depart from the Council’s own submission.*

NOTED:

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

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

The meeting concluded at 3.08pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair
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