
MINUTES

THURSDAY 16 MAY 2013

**9.20AM – 10.42AM,
11.01AM – 12.39PM.**

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

MEMBERS:

Mayor Wade-Brown	(9.20am – 10.42am, 11.01am – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.20am – 10.42am, 11.01am – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Best (Deputy Chair)	(9.20am – 10.42am, 11.01am – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Cook	(9.20am – 10.42am, 11.01am – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Coughlan	(9.20am – 9.48am, 9.54am – 10.42am, 11.02am – 11.36am, 11.53am – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Eagle	(9.20am – 9.48am, 10.04am – 10.25am, 10.32am – 10.42am, 11.06am – 11.32am, 11.35am – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Foster (Chair)	(9.20am – 10.42am, 11.01am – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Gill	(9.20am – 10.42am, 11.01am – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Lester	(9.20am – 10.42am, 11.10am – 12.39pm.)
Councillor McKinnon	(9.20am – 10.42am, 11.15am – 11.57am, 12.21pm – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Marsh	(9.20am – 10.42am, 11.01am – 12.38pm.)
Councillor Morrison	(9.20am – 9.53am, 10.04am - 10.42am, 11.01am – 12.08pm, 12.11pm – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Pannett	(9.20am – 10.42am, 11.01am – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.20am – 9.48am, 9.52am – 10.42am, 11.01am – 11.38am, 11.39am – 12.21pm, 12.23pm – 12.39pm.)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.20am – 10.25am, 10.27am – 10.42am, 11.01am – 11.03am, 11.04am – 11.17am, 11.18am – 12.39pm.)

APOLOGIES:

Nil.

122/13P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no apologies.

123/13P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Representatives from the Living Wage Campaign addressed the meeting regarding the Living Wage Campaign, requesting that Wellington City Council adopt the Living Wage policy.

124/13P **EPETITION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

The Committee received an E-Petition from Maria van der Meel regarding: Decline the “right of renewal” on contract between Nova Gas and WCC on our Southern Landfill.

(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 9.48am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 9.48am.)

(Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 9.48am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 9.52am.)

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 9.53am.)

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

(Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 10.04am.)

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 10.04am.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. **Note that Nova Gas has invested a significant sum into gas extraction, and the arrangement results in Council reticulation costs being offset while otherwise waste methane gas becomes a useable energy source instead of a financial and environmental liability to Council.**
3. **Thank the petitioner but decline to act on the petition.**

The motion recommendation 1 was put and declared CARRIED.

The motion recommendation 2 was put and declared CARRIED.
(Councillors Eagle and Pepperell wished to have their dissenting votes recorded.)

The motion recommendation 3 was put and declared CARRIED.
(Councillors Eagle, Gill, and Pepperell wished to have their dissenting votes recorded.)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that Nova Gas has invested a significant sum into gas extraction, and the arrangement results in Council reticulation costs being offset while otherwise waste methane gas becomes a useable energy source instead of a financial and environmental liability to Council.*
3. *Thank the petitioner but decline to act on the petition.*

NOTED:

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

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

125/13P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

126/13P **QUARTERLY REPORT (JANUARY – MARCH 2013)**
(10.06AM – 10.42AM)

Report of Marianne Cavanagh – Senior Advisor, Research, Consultation and Planning and Martin Rodgers – Manager Research, Consultation and Planning.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 1)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Foster, the substantive motion as amended (in bold):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. **Note that the final Quarterly Report will be updated in line with the updated financial overview as tabled.**

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.25am.)

(Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 10.25am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.27am.)

(Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 10.32am.)

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. ***Note that the final Quarterly Report will be updated in line with the updated financial overview as tabled.***

NOTED:

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

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

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.42am and reconvened at 11.01am.)

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

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

127/13P **UPDATE TO STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING WORK PROGRAMME AND NEXT STEPS** (11.02AM – 11.57AM)
 Report of Andrew Stitt, Manager Policy. (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Cook, the substantive motion as amended (in bold):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to the development of a Wellington City housing strategy that builds on the strategic vision to increase the supply of quality affordable housing by working in partnership to optimise our investment in the Wellington region
3. Agree to the four work-streams to progress the strategic approach and the housing and urban regeneration work programmes that:
 - (a) negotiates a draft memorandum of understanding with Housing New Zealand, other willing Crown agencies, and housing providers based around, but not limited to, the objectives and actions outlined in the paper
 - (b) progresses the projects outlined in work stream two of the paper
 - (c) commences an urban regeneration work programme starting with a Councillor workshop on 28th May 2013.
4. Agree that officers provide to SPC, before the end of the calendar year, a draft housing strategy which is informed by the strategic approach outlined in (a) to (c) above and Government's policy for housing
5. Agree to delegate to the Mayor and **Social and Built Environment** portfolio leaders the authority to finalise and sign the memorandum of understanding when it is ready
6. Note that it will be important to work with, and collaborate with, the housing sector to grow housing in Wellington
7. Note that the Wellington City Housing Strategy will have a broad focus and include consideration of issues such as; housing affordability and quality, as well as social housing.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.03am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.04am.)

(Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 11.06am.)
 (Councillor Lester returned to the meeting at 11.10am.)
 (Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 11.15am.)
 (Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.17am.)
 (Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.18am.)
 (Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 11.32am.)
 (Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 11.35am.)
 (Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 11.36am.)
 (Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.38am.)
 (Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.39am.)
 (Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 11.53am.)

The substantive motion as amended was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Nil.

Majority Vote: 15:0

The substantive motion as amended was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the development of a Wellington City housing strategy that builds on the strategic vision to increase the supply of quality affordable housing by working in partnership to optimise our investment in the Wellington region*
3. *Agree to the four work-streams to progress the strategic approach and the housing and urban regeneration work programmes that:*
 - (a) *negotiates a draft memorandum of understanding with Housing New Zealand, other willing Crown agencies, and housing providers based around, but not limited to, the objectives and actions outlined in the paper*
 - (b) *progresses the projects outlined in work stream two of the paper*

- (c) *commences an urban regeneration work programme starting with a Councillor workshop on 28th May 2013.*
4. *Agree that officers provide to SPC, before the end of the calendar year, a draft housing strategy which is informed by the strategic approach outlined in (a) to (c) above and Government's policy for housing.*
 5. *Agree to delegate to the Mayor and **Social and Built Environment** portfolio leaders the authority to finalise and sign the memorandum of understanding when it is ready*
 6. *Note that it will be important to work with, and collaborate with, the housing sector to grow housing in Wellington*
 7. *Note that the Wellington City Housing Strategy will have a broad focus and include consideration of issues such as; housing affordability and quality, as well as social housing.*

NOTED:

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

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

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 11.57am.)

128/13P **UPDATE ON WELLINGTON'S 2010 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN** (11.57AM – 12.18PM)
 Report of Catherine Leining, Principal Programme Advisor, Policy Team.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Ritchie, the substantive motion.

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 12.08pm.)

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 12.11pm.)

The substantive motion was put and a DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, Marsh, Morrison Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Nil.

Majority Vote: 14:0

The substantive motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that effective action on climate change underpins Wellington's strategic aspirations, economic development and global reputation as New Zealand's "Smart Capital."*
3. *Agree in principle to issue a Wellington City 2013 Climate Change Action Plan for the period 2013/14 through 2014/15 that consolidates and extends existing climate-related initiatives and integrates new initiatives including:*
 - (a) *Smart Energy Capital initiatives, subject to approval under the 2013/14 Annual Plan*
 - (b) *Participation in the UN-Habitat City Resilience Profiling Programme and UNISDR Making Cities Resilient Campaign*
 - (c) *Relevant research partnerships undertaken through the Council's Our Living City work programme*
 - (d) *Full exploration of emission reduction opportunities through a refresh of the Wellington Transport Strategy which is being undertaken*
 - (e) *Increased business, community and Maori participation as part of engagement under the Council's Our Living City work programme.*
4. *Agree to lead a multi-stakeholder process to define a pathway for meeting the 2020 target that delivers value to the city, has broad public ownership and support and will form the basis for a Wellington City 2015 Climate Change Action Plan.*
5. *Note that officers will commission an updated greenhouse gas emissions inventory and projections for the city through a collaborative regional approach, with the Council's share funded from the existing budget allocation.*
6. *Note that officers will commission periodic external certification of the Council's corporate greenhouse gas emissions inventory funded from the Council's existing budget allocation.*
7. *Note that as additional inventory information becomes available, the Council may wish to revise the expression of the targets for both the*

city and Council in order to correct for historical data gaps, and this can be done without weakening target ambition.

8. *Direct officers to provide ongoing advice on opportunities to advocate for improved regional and central government policies that will support Wellington's climate change objectives.*
9. *Direct officers to provide advice on options for revising the Council's 2010 Carbon Management Policy to reflect changes in the carbon market and to enable the use of revenue from forestry unit sales to support native vegetation initiatives.*

129/13P **STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME** (12.18PM – 12.39PM)
 Report of Anusha Guler – Manager, Democratic Services, Antoinette Bliss, Committee Adviser, Democratic Services.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion, as amended (in bold and with strikethrough):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. **Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 to this report. (of the officer's report) with the following changes:**

Reports added

- **Draft Engagement Policy and Action Plan.**
- **Report on Final Engagement Policy and Action Plan.**
- **Report on Residential Construction Sector Market Study Issues Paper (6 June 2013)**
- **Draft Affordable Housing Strategy (To be scheduled - December 2013)**
- **Report on Memorandum of Understanding and Development Agreement with Massey University for Redevelopment Taranaki Street Campus (To be scheduled)**
- **Lower Cuba Street options**
- **The future of libraries and community centres, (possible workshop)**
- **Public Space Papers, (Tinakori Road)**

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 12.21pm.)

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 12.21pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 12.23pm.)

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Cook the following amendment:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 ~~to this report~~. **(of the officer's report) with the following changes:**

Report added:

- **A report to inform the Annual Plan deliberations on a proposed Council commitment to support a Living Wage. The report should advise on the following key points:**
 - **whether Wellington City Council should support the principle of a Living Wage for Wellington**
 - **the costs and benefits of Council moving to a Living Wage for all directly employed and contracted staff, and possible options for a staged implementation plan**
 - **the most appropriate roles for Council to play to support and encourage Wellington businesses citywide to become Living Wage employers.**

The amendment moved by Mayor Wade-Brown was accepted by the leave of the meeting.

(Councillor Marsh left the meeting at 12.38pm.)

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 ~~to this report~~. (of the officer's report) with the following changes:*

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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 12.39pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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