

# DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE



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## MINUTES

**THURSDAY 30 AUGUST 2012**

**9.15AM – 10.01AM**

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

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor Wade-Brown (9.27am – 9.38am)  
Councillor Lester (9.15am – 10.01am)  
Councillor Foster (9.15am – 10.01am)  
Councillor Marsh (9.15am – 10.01am)

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Pannett

001/12DC **CHAIRING OF MEETING**  
(1215/52/05/IM)

**NOTED:**

The Committee Advisor opened the meeting in the absence of the Chair. A nomination was sought for a member of the Subcommittee to Chair the meeting.

**Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Marsh, the motion that the Development Contributions Subcommittee agree that Councillor Foster chair the meeting in the absence of Councillor Pannett.**

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Development Contributions Subcommittee:*

- 1. Agree that Councillor Foster Chair the meeting in the absence of Councillor Pannett.*

002/12DC **APOLOGIES**  
(1215/52/05/IM)

**Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Marsh, the motion that the Development Contributions Subcommittee accept apologies for absence from Councillor Pannett.**

**The motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Development Contributions Subcommittee:*

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Pannett.*

003/12DC **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**  
(1215/52/05/IM)

**NOTED:**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

004/12DC **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
(1215/52/05/IM)

**NOTED:**

1. Ian Cassels, owner of the Wellington Company discussed the very high amount (200,000m<sup>2</sup>) of vacant lower quality office space in the city, and the work that he and others are doing to turn it into residential accommodation. He particularly noted that such conversions tended to attract a development contributions rebate, but this is not paid out by the Council, while development contributions are levied and paid on other new developments such as the Willis St Telecom building. He argued Council should allow a portfolio approach allowing offsetting between different properties.
2. Phil Squire, Joseph Nicholls and Fanny Toorenburg representing the Sustainability Trust addressed the Subcommittee in relation to Report 1 Development Contribution Remission Report for Sustainability Trust – New Mezzanine Floor, 49 Tory Street. They spoke in support of their application for a remission to the development contributions imposed for the construction of a mezzanine floor. The Subcommittee asked questions of clarification regarding the submission from the representatives.

(During public participation from the Sustainability Trust, Mayor Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 9.27am.)

(During public participation from the Sustainability Trust, Mayor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 9.38am.)

005/12DC **DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION REMISSION REPORT FOR SUSTAINABILITY TRUST – NEW MEZZANINE FLOOR, 49 TORY STREET**

Report of Tim Fletcher – Manager, Customer Services and Business Support, Development Planning and Guidance.

(1215/52/05/IM)

(REPORT 1)

**Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Marsh, the procedural motion that standing order 157 be suspended for recommendations 2 and 3.**

**The procedural motion was put and declared CARRIED.**

**Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Marsh, the substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer’s report as follows:**

THAT the Development Contributions Subcommittee:

2. Agree to decline the application for a remission of development contribution fee **but request that the Sustainability Trust undertake a self assessment of any “actual increased demand”**.

**The substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer’s report was put and declared CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Development Contributions Subcommittee:*

1. *Receive the information*
2. *Agree to decline the application for a remission of development contribution fee **but request that the Sustainability Trust undertake a self assessment of any “actual increased demand”**.*
3. *Agree to delegate to the Chair and Chief Executive the authority to sign a letter advising the Trust of the reasons for the Subcommittee’s decision.*

**NOTED:**

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

The Subcommittee added the text in bold.

The meeting concluded at 10.01am.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair  
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