

# GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



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## MINUTES

**THURSDAY 21 MAY 2014  
9.15AM – 10.36AM**

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

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### PRESENT:

Councillor Coughlan	(10.11am - ; 10.35am)
Councillor Eagle	(9.38 – 10.36am)
Councillor Foster	(9.16 – 10.36am)
Councillor Free	(9.15 – 10.00am, 10.34am -10.36am)
Councillor Lee	(9.15 – 10.36am)
Councillor Lester (Chair)	(9.15 – 10.36am)
Councillor Marsh	(9.15 – 10.01am)
Councillor Pannett	(9.15 – 10.36am)
Councillor Peck	(9.15 – 10.36am)
Councillor Sparrow	(9.15 – 10.36am))
Councillor Woolf	(9.15 – 10.36am)
Councillor Young	((9.15 – 10.36am)

### APOLOGIES

Mayor Wade-Brown  
Councillor Ritchie

### DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Helga Sheppard – Governance Advisor  
Antoinette Bliss – Governance Advisor

**APOLOGIES:**

**Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Sparrow, the motion that the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee receive apologies from Mayor Wade-Brown and Councillor Ritchie for absence, Councillor Marsh for early departure, and Councillors Coughlan, Foster and Eagle for lateness.**

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

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:*

1. *Receive apologies from Mayor Wade-Brown and Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Marsh for early departure, and Councillors Coughlan, Foster and Eagle for lateness.*

**MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**

**Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Marsh the motion that the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 April 2014, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.**

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

**RESOLVED:**

*THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:*

1. *Approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 April 2014, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.*

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.16am).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION****NOTED:**

There was no public participation.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS****NOTED:**

Councillor Free declared a conflict of interest in relation to Report 4 – Capacity Infrastructure Services Ltd as she is a Board member of Capacity Infrastructure Services Ltd.

**LATE ITEM – MAJOR ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**ELECTED MEMBER TRAVEL**

Report of John McGrath, Chief of Staff

A late item was received for the Committee's consideration regarding elected member travel for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The report was a late item as the invitations were received on 16 May 2014. The timing of the invitations and the subsequent travel arrangements mean that the decision cannot be delayed until the next Committee meeting in June.

**Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Foster the substantive motion.**

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

**RESOLVED**

*THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:*

- 1) *Receive the late item and;*
- 2) *Note that the item cannot be deferred because a decision is required before the next Committee meeting due to the timing of the invitation and the need to arrange travel in advance.*

**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

Report of Lisa Matthews, Research, Consultation and Planning

(REPORT 1)

(Councillor Eagle joined the meeting at 9.38am).

**RESOLVED**

**Moved Councillor Lee, seconded Councillor Sparrow the substantive motion.**

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

*THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the work and achievements of the Accessibility Advisory Group in 2013.*
3. *Note the issues highlighted in the report.*

**2013/14 QUARTERLY REPORT: QUARTER THREE (1 JANUARY – 31 MARCH)**

Report of Martin Rodgers, Manager Research,  
Consultation and Planning

(REPORT 2)

**Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Eagle the substantive motion.**

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

**RESOLVED**

*THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:*

1. *Note the information.*

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND REMIT – EARTHQUAKE PRONE BUILDINGS**

Report of Neville Brown, Manager Building Resilience and Geoff Lawson, Principal Policy Advisor

(REPORT 3)

(Councillor Free left the meeting at 10.00am).

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster, the substantive motion with the following new amendment 3 and an amendment to 4.**

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

**RESOLVED**

THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the draft remit for the Local Government New Zealand 2014 AGM.*
3. *Agree to amend the remit to add the following.*

<i>Evidence of support from Zone/Sector meeting or five councils</i>	<b><u>Support has been received from the following councils</u></b> <b><u>Timaru District Council, Dunedin City Council, Nelson City Council and Selwyn District Council.</u></b>
<i>Suggested course of action envisaged.</i>	<b><u>This could include the establishment of working group set up through Local Government New Zealand of elected members and officials to make jointly agreed recommendations to the Government and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.</u></b>

4. *Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Buildings Portfolio Leader, the authority to amend the proposed remit to the 2014 Local Government New Zealand AGM to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits, including the names of additional supporting councils who confirm their support before the remit is submitted.*

**UPDATE: DISCUSSION ON ADDITIONAL SHAREHOLDER FOR CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES LTD**

Report of Anthony Wilson, Chief Asset Officer

(REPORT 4)

(Councillor Marsh left the meeting at 10.01am).

(Councillor Coughlan joined the meeting at 10.11am).

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

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Eagle, the motion with the following minor amendment to recommendation 5.**

**The substantive motion was put and a DIVISION called:**

Voting for: Councillors Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Lee, Lester, Pannett, Peck, Sparrow, Woolf and Young

Voting against: No votes against the motion were recorded.

**The resolution was passed unanimously and the substantive motion was declared CARRIED.**

**RESOLVED**

*THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that Wellington City Council supports the proposal that, should Greater Wellington Regional Council join Capacity, a joint committee will be established to ensure public accountability and to monitor the company's performance. Agree that this joint committee will be comprised of one elected member representing each shareholder council.*
3. *Note that the final terms of reference for the joint committee will be agreed by each shareholder council and will be based on the responsibilities set out in Appendix 1 of this report.*
4. *Agree that Wellington City Council supports the proposal that, should Greater Wellington Regional Council join Capacity, the company will be re-named "Wellington Public Water Services Ltd" or the equivalent to clearly reflect its core purpose and*

*public ownership, noting that no additional funding will be provided for re-branding and this may be a gradual implementation.*

5. *Agree that Wellington City Council supports the proposal that, should Greater Wellington Regional Council join Capacity and the joint oversight committee be agreed, the board of Capacity will be made up of jointly appointed independent directors. This board will include a range of skill-sets including, among others, engineering and asset management experience, **a strong public service ethic** and an appreciation of public accountability and the local government context.*
6. *Note that a report requesting a final decision on Wellington City Council agreement to the proposal that Greater Wellington Regional Council becomes a shareholder in Capacity will follow the resolution of the issues discussed in this report and an in principle decision by Greater Wellington Regional Council.*
7. *Note that the shareholder councils will continue to retain ownership of their three-waters network assets, and the funding and policy decisions relating to their network, under the proposal as outlined in this report.*

#### **LATE ITEM – ELECTED MEMBER TRAVEL**

Report of John McGrath, Chief of Staff

(REPORT 5)

This report was tabled at the meeting (refer to Attachment A).

(Councillor Free returned to the meeting at 10.35 am).

**Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Woolf, the substantive motion.**

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

#### **RESOLVED**

*THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that an invitation has been received from St Kilda's Football Club for the Mayor or an elected Wellington City Council representative, to attend a game and associated business networking forum in Melbourne in June 2014.*
3. *Note that the Mayor has received an invitation from the Mayor of Warsaw to attend the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations of the Warsaw Uprising in Poland in August 2014.*
4. *Note that the Mayor is undertaking a private visit to Europe, and agree that the invitation to attend the Warsaw commemoration can be accepted at no cost to Council.*

