

GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



MINUTES

TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2014
9.17AM – 9.44, 11.41AM – 12.37PM

PUBLIC EXCLUDED 9.44AM – 11.41AM

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Wade-Brown	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am -11.59am)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am – 12.00pm, 12.01pm – 12.37pm)
Councillor Coughlan	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am – 12.09pm, 12.13pm – 12.37pm)
Councillor Eagle	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am – 12.32pm.)
Councillor Foster	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am – 12.37pm)
Councillor Free	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am – 11.41am)
Councillor Lee	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am - 11.54am, 11.57am - 12.32pm)
Councillor Lester (Chair)	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am – 12.37pm)
Councillor Marsh	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am – 12.37pm)
Councillor Pannett	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am – 12.37pm)
Councillor Peck	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am.- 12.37pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am – 11.43am)
Councillor Sparrow	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am – 12.37pm)
Councillor Woolf	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am - 11.53am, 11.53am - 11.59am, 12.02pm – 12.37pm)
Councillor Young	(9.17 am – 9.44am, 11.41am- 12.37pm)

APOLOGIES

None

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Helga Sheppard – Governance Advisor

APOLOGIES:

NOTED:

There were no apologies as all councillors were in attendance.

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer the motion that the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 21 May 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 Thursday, 21 May 2014, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NOTED:

1. Kerry McSaveney and Jodye Tomalin from the Community Resilience team at the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) addressed the Committee regarding the community resilience planning undertaken by their organisation and how Council can support this process.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 9.22am),
(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 9.28am).

2. Jack Marshall, Sean Johnson and Ben Oglivie from the Youth Council addressed the Committee regarding Report 7 – 2014 Review of Council’s Advisory Groups and Forums and tabled their recommendations regarding their suggested changes to the Youth Council’s proposed Terms of Reference.

(TABLED ITEM: Reference A)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Young the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Report 1 – Wellington Convention Centre Proposal

<i>Grounds: Section 48(1) (a)</i>	<i>Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act – that public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7</i>
<i>Reason: Section 7(2) (i)</i>	<i>Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiation).</i>
<i>Reason: Section 7(2)(c)(i)</i>	<i>– would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.</i>

Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Free and Councillor Pannett requested that their vote against moving into the public excluded session of the meeting be recorded.

The meeting moved into the public excluded session at 9.44 am.

RESOLUTION TO RE-ADMIT THE PUBLIC

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the substantive motion which was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED

THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Re-admit the public to the meeting and that the resolutions taken with the public excluded remain in the Public Excluded Minute Book.

The meeting moved out of the public excluded session at 11.41am.

(Councillor Free left the meeting at 11.41am).

ALIGNING FOR GROWTH – WELLINGTON REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (WREDA) PROPOSAL

Report of Danny McComb, Manager CCOs and City Growth Projects (REPORT 2)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.43am).

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

The substantive motion was put and a DIVISION was called.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Lee, Lester, Marsh, Pannett, Peck, Sparrow, Woolf and Young

Voting against: NIL

Majority Vote: 13:0

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED

THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that the Mayoral Forum was supportive of the Wellington Region Economic Development Agency (WREDA) proposal and has requested that it be considered by each local authority in the region.*
3. *Note that the other territorial councils in the region have agreed in principle to the WREDA proposal apart from the Carterton District Council.*
4. *Note that the Greater Wellington Regional Council will consider the matter at their meeting on 26 June, and that their officers are recommending that the proposal be approved in principle.*
5. *Note the current structure of economic agencies in the Wellington region and the proposed structure of WREDA as outlined appendix A.*
6. *Note the proposed transition process and timeline towards establishing WREDA by October 2014 as outlined in appendix B.*

7. *Note the background information on each economic activity agency currently in operation as outlined in appendix C.*
8. *Note it is proposed that Wellington City Council will own 80% and Greater Wellington Regional Council will own 20% of WREDA.*
9. *Agree in principle to the formation of WREDA as set out in this report and to the transfer of functions and associated funding.*
10. *Agree that consultation be carried out by Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council on behalf of the region on the creation of WREDA in accordance with the summary consultation plan in appendix D and report the results of the consultation back to all councils in the region in August/September 2014 for a final decision.*
11. *Agree that Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Upper Hutt City Council will work together as the WREDA Appointments Group, to provide feedback and assist in the selection of a shortlist of directors for consideration by Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council following consultation.*
12. *Note that officers will prepare all necessary documentation and any other work to give effect to the proposal and report to Council in August/September 2014 for a final decision following consultation.*

(Councillor Woolf left the meeting at 11.53am and returned at 11.53am).

(Councillor Lee left the meeting at 11.54am).

(Councillor Lee returned to the meeting at 11.57am).

(Mayor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 11.59am).

(Councillor Woolf left the meeting at 11.59am).

CHAIR'S REVIEW – TRANSPORT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Report of Chair - Councillor Andy Foster

(REPORT 3)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 12.00pm).

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 12.01pm).

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

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED

THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

CHAIR'S REVIEW – COMMUNITY, SPORT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report of Chair – Councillor Paul Eagle

(REPORT 4)

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

Moved Councillor Eagle, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED

THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

CHAIR'S REVIEW – ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Report of Chair – Councillor Iona Pannett

(REPORT 5)

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Lee the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED

THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

CHAIR'S REVIEW – ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ARTS COMMITTEE

Report of Chair – Councillor Jo Coughlan

(REPORT 6)

Moved Councillor Coughlan, seconded Councillor Marsh the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED

THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

2014 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S ADVISORY GROUPS AND FORUMS

Report of Mark Jones, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy

(REPORT 7)

(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 12.09pm).

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

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Sparrow the motion.

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster an amendment to recommendation 5 and an additional recommendation 14 as follows:

- 5. Agree that the joint work programmes are finalised between the Group Chair, Deputy Chair or Co-Chair and relevant ELT member and chair of the appropriate Committee and councillor representative on the Committee.**

- 14. Agree to delegate to the Chair of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee, the authority to amend the proposed Terms of Reference to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits.**

Amendment 5 was put and a DIVISION called:

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

Voting against: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer and Marsh

Vote: 10:2

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

Amendment 14 was put and a DIVISION called:

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

Voting against: NIL

Majority Vote: 12:0

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motions 1, 2 3, 4, 6, 7 – 13 were put and a DIVISION was called.

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

Voting against: NIL

Majority Vote: 12:0

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED

THAT the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that officers have reviewed the Terms of Reference for Council's following five Advisory Groups:*
 - Accessibility Advisory Group
 - Environmental Reference Group
 - Pacific Advisory Group
 - Youth Council
 - Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group.
3. *Note the need for clearer direction and expectations so the work of these groups is better targeted to the priorities that matter most for our City.*
4. *Agree upon the annual objectives and a joint work programme with each Advisory Group to help target their advice towards the Council's priorities.*
5. *Agree that the joint work programmes are finalised between the Group Chair, Deputy Chair or Co-Chair and **relevant ELT member and chair of the appropriate Committee and councillor representative on the Committee.***
6. *Agree to the revised Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct (attached in Appendix 3) to provide greater clarity around expectations.*
7. *Agree to increase the maximum number of paid meetings for Environmental Reference Group to 12 per year, in-line with the current numbers of Accessibility Advisory and Pacific Advisory Group meetings, accounting for an extra \$10,140 per year.*
8. *Agree to allow the Pacific Advisory Group to comprise of more Pacific communities that live in Wellington, by having one more member from each of the Micronesian and Melanesian communities respectively, accounting for an extra \$2,640 per year.*

9. *Agree to increase Youth Council member pay by 50% to \$30 per meeting, accounting for an extra \$4,000 per year.*
10. *Note that the above funding increases total a maximum of \$16,780 per year that is currently provided for and not spent in the Council's budget. No extra budget is needed.*
11. *Agree to reduce the number of community forums from twice a year (or more) to once a year.*
12. *Agree that Council officers leading projects (as required) target, set-up and fund issues-based forums, inviting the Council's Advisory Groups and communities to help find solutions.*
13. *Agree to rename the Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group the Safe and Sustainable Transport Forum.*
14. ***Agree to delegate to the Chair of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee, the authority to amend the proposed Terms of Reference to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits.***

(Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 12.32pm).

(Councillor Lee left the meeting at 12.32pm).

The meeting concluded at 12.37pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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