
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Time: 9.15am
Date: Wednesday, 23 March 2016
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Wade-Brown
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Eagle
Councillor Foster
Councillor Free
Councillor Lee
Councillor Lester (Chair)
Councillor Marsh
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Peck
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Have your say!

You can make a short presentation to the Councillors at this meeting. Please let us know by noon the working day before the meeting. You can do this either by phoning 803-8334, emailing public.participation@wcc.govt.nz or writing to Democratic Services, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington, giving your name, phone number and the issue you would like to talk about.

AREA OF FOCUS

The Governance, Finance and Planning Committee is responsible for long-term planning, setting the strategic direction for the city, agreeing outcomes, priorities, performance frameworks and annual budgets. The Committee is responsible for the long-term plan, annual plan, annual report, and quarterly reports. The Committee also makes sure residents are kept informed about what the Council is doing, are able to have their say, and feel confident that their views count.

Quorum: 8 members

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 09 March 2016 will be put to the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee for confirmation.

1.4 Public Participation

A maximum of 60 minutes is set aside for public participation at the commencement of any meeting of the Council or committee that is open to the public. Under Standing Order 3.23.3 a written, oral or electronic application to address the meeting setting forth the subject, is required to be lodged with the Chief Executive by 12.00 noon of the working day prior to the meeting concerned, and subsequently approved by the Chairperson.

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows:

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee.

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee.

No resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee for further discussion.

2. General Business

REPORT ON ELECTED MEMBERS TO MELBOURNE, HANIA AND CANBERRA AND REPORT BACK ON ELECTED MEMBER TO TAIPEI

Purpose

1. This paper seeks approval for Mayor Wade-Brown to travel to Melbourne to attend and present at the Smart Cities Australia Summit in April 2016.
2. This paper seeks approval for an elected member to respond to an invitation from the New Zealand Crete Association and travel to Greece to mark the 75 anniversary of the Battle of Crete in May 2016.
3. This paper seeks approval for Mayor Wade-Brown to travel to Canberra on an invitation of the ACT Chief Minister in April 2016.
4. This paper provides a report back on Councillor Marsh's visit to Taipei in February to attend the 2016 Taipei Velo-City Conference.

Summary

5. The Smart Cities Summit is an opportunity for city leaders to gather and share policy and strategic initiatives regarding sustainability, transport and resilience. Mayor Celia Wade-Brown has been invited to participate as a speaker at the upcoming forum in Melbourne.
6. Wellington has benefited from a historical sister city relationship with Crete's second largest city, Hania, for 32 years. A New Zealand delegation is travelling to Crete to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Crete in May 2016 and delegation members will include government representatives, members of Crete Association and other New Zealanders who wish to attend the commemorations because of family connections to the battle. Mayor Wade-Brown has been invited to join the group, but is unable to attend. The NZ Crete Association has therefore extended the invitation to an elected member to represent Wellington.
7. Canberra's Chief Minister has extended an invitation to the Mayor to visit to discuss greater sharing, cooperation and the exchange of expertise in areas such as urban work; urban regeneration and redevelopment; major project implementation; the development and implementation of urban movement solutions; tourism and tertiary coordination. This visit also presents an opportunity to explore the possibility of a formalised relationship between the two capital cities that builds off recent announcements around Singapore Airlines' decision to open a route to Wellington via Canberra from Asia.
8. Councillor Marsh attended the Taipei Velo-city Global 2016 conference in February. The Councillor met the Mayor and officials of Taipei Government to discuss cooperation and exchange programs during the visit.

Recommendations

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receives the information in this paper.
2. Agrees that Mayor Celia Wade-Brown will represent Wellington City Council at the Smart Cities Australia Summit on 20 April 2016. Note that return airfare and accommodation will be covered by Smart Cities Summit.
3. Nominates and appoints one elected member to accept the invitation from the NZ Crete Association and visit Hania to maintain the historical sister city relationship from 19 to 21 May 2016, noting that costs for the visit will be met by Council (International Relations budget COCM08).
4. Agrees that Mayor Celia Wade-Brown will visit Canberra on 28 and 29 April 2016. Note that flights and accommodation for the visit will be met by the Council (International Relations budget COCM08).
5. Notes Councillor Simon Marsh's report back on the visit to Taipei to attend the 2016 Taipei Velo-City Conference.

Background

9. WCC's Digital Strategy and Action Plan outlines Wellington's aim to achieve global recognition as a creative digital city.
10. The Smart Cities Australia Summit will bring together over 250 international public and private sector experts and leaders to share their latest developments, results and strategies for smart cities. The focus will be on energy, smart and collaborative cities, mobility and transport, city resilience and security. It will also showcase the technologies that are enabling smart cities such as high speed infrastructure, the Internet of Thing (IoT), big data, data centres, cloud computing, Apps and Geo information.
11. The Smart Cities Australia Summit is designed to stimulate collaboration among industry decision makers who are working to create the future of our cities, including developers, architects, venture capitalists, city officials, government and urban policy professionals. The conference will feature international and Australian case studies. The Summit is part of the Connect EXPO hosted by the Victorian Government.
12. Hania and Wellington have a historical sister city relationship and the Mayor has been invited to join the delegation and participate in the ceremony from 19 to 22 May.
13. For the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Crete, a delegation from Wellington will make a commemorative pilgrimage to Hania on 20 May 2016. The Mayor is unable to attend but the NZ Crete Association has extended the invitation to an elected member to participate in the special ceremonies. This is an opportunity to reinforce Wellington's support for this significant anniversary commemoration.
14. The last two visits from the Council to Hania were by Mayor Kerry Prendergast in 2006 and Kerry Prendergast as Mayor Wade-Brown's representative in 2011.

Discussion

Smart Cities Summit, Melbourne, Australia

15. Mayor Wade-Brown has been invited to participate on a panel discussion at the Smart Cities Australia Summit on 20 April 2016. The session is 'Global best practice in enabling resilient cities' and participants will discuss the challenges cities around the world face dealing with climate change and adaptation, as well as new alternatives to energy.
16. WCC has recently agreed its Draft Low Carbon Capital Climate Change Action Plan, and will put it out for consultation on 29 March. This plan includes material that will inform the Mayor's panel discussion. WCC's Resilience Strategy is in the development stage.
17. Other Smart Cities panel participants include: Michael Nolan, Chair of the UN Global Compact Cities Programme; Elizabeth Yee, VP at Strategic Partnerships and Solutions, 100 Resilient Cities; Councillor Aaron Wood of Melbourne; Tanya Müller, Secretary of the Environment in Mexico City; and Ekroop Caur, Managing Director of the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation.
18. The session moderator is Ross Garnaut, Distinguished Professor of Economics at the Australian National University Vice-Chancellor's Fellow and Professorial Fellow of Economics, The University of Melbourne.
19. The invitation is not transferable, and the Summit will pay for Mayor Wade-Brown's return airfare and two nights' accommodation.
20. Mayor Wade-Brown would fly out late 19 April and return on 21 April.
21. The estimated total cost to Council for Mayor Wade-Brown to travel to Melbourne from 19-21 April for the Summit on April 20 is NZD \$144.41. This includes transport to and from the airport and carbon credits. The costs will be covered by International Relations (budget COCM08).
22. The travel would result in approximately 1.62 tonnes of CO₂ emissions. The cost of offsetting these emissions is approximately NZD \$16.

Hania, Greece

23. A New Zealand delegation will visit Greece to mark the 75 Anniversary of the Battle of Crete in May 2016. The visit will entail wreath laying, commemoration services and visits to war cemeteries.
24. The tentative programme is planned as follows:

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| Friday 20 | Flag Raising Ceremony, Firka Fortress, Old Town Harbour Creek-New Zealand Ceremony, Galatas Performance of the Māori Bacchae (A play being performed by a NZ-Greek group) |
| Saturday 21 | Memorial Service at the monument in Kiriti village UK/Commonwealth Memorial Service, Suda Bay War Cemetery UK hosted reception |
| Sunday 22 | Church Service at Chania Cathedral |

German Memorial Service, German Cemetery, Maleme

Greek Memorial Service, Maleme Airfield, followed by a military display and re-enactments of the battle

Official Reception hosted by the Regional Governor

25. The Mayor has received a formal letter from Angelo Papageorgiou, President of Creek Wellington Association, inviting the Council to join the Wellington group for the 75th Commemoration and invited the Mayor to attend or to appoint a representative from the Council to attend those celebrations as an acknowledgement of the continued Sister City relationship between Wellington and Hania.
26. The Hania-Wellington Historical Sister City relationship was formed in 1984. It celebrated the contribution of the Greek and Cretan communities to Wellington and the strong links formed since WWII. A special relationship developed between New Zealand and the Hania area of Crete. This area was the scene of some of the fiercest fighting during the 1941 Battle of Crete, which was between New Zealand and German troops.
27. The estimated cost to the Council for an elected member's travel from 17 to 24 May is \$11,098 including all flights, accommodation, meals, transport and incidental. The costs will be covered by the Council International Relations budget.
28. The travel would result in approximately 3.7 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per passenger. The cost of offsetting these emissions is approximately \$128 per person. This amount has been included in the estimated travel costs above.

Canberra, Australia

29. The Mayor Wade-Brown has been invited by the office of the ACT Chief Minister to visit Canberra and to undertake a programme of visits as below:

Canberra Innovation Network

Meeting with Dr Sarah Pearson, CEO of Canberra Innovation Network and tour of the facility.

30. The CBR Innovation Network (CBRIN) is a new creation, developed by the ACT Government with several foundation partners (including the Australian National University and University of Canberra) to devise new approaches to fostering innovation in Canberra. The CBR Innovation Network's is an open collaboration of innovators, dedicated to developing a diverse innovation eco-system within Canberra. For businesses the CBR Innovation Network is a great source of low-cost to free, high level services.

Canberra Airport

Meeting with Stephen Byron, Managing Director.

31. The visit will focus solely on the airport terminal, including a tour of the rapidly developing international terminal, and freight expansion plans. It can also take in the full extent of what is a very diverse multi layered business operation including business park, retail hub and hotel. Canberra Airport is a \$500 million private investment made by a Canberra family – Snow family.

Capital Metro

Meeting with Emma Thomas, Head of Capital Metro.

32. Capital Metro is Canberra's light rail project and an important part of the ACT Government's vision to deliver a truly sustainable and creative city. The project will be a catalyst for extensive urban development and urban renewal projects along the corridor. The project is also a catalyst for public housing renewal. Tracks are due to start being laid in October this year.

National Museum of Australia

Australian War Memorial

33. Both museums have strong links to New Zealand and are involved in collaboration with reciprocal institutions in New Zealand. Meetings with Directors of each to discuss cultural cooperation covering exhibitions, education and curatorial exchange.

Mayor Wade-Brown will also discuss the Australian Initiatives to bring students to the capital to inform Wellington's Nationhood Initiative work.

Other Visits

34. Visits are also proposed with Community Housing Non-Governmental Organisations working with indigenous people and other at risk populations and to view the implementation of cycleway infrastructure in the city precincts.
35. Following Singapore Airlines' announcement that it would commence a service to Wellington from Singapore via Canberra, the Chief Minister has expressed a strong desire to build on the existing links between Canberra and Wellington. Canberra is eager to work towards the development of a cooperation agreement which could establish further cultural, social, knowledge industry, planning and growth exchange.
36. The estimated cost for the Mayor to Canberra is \$3,588.34 including airfares, accommodation, meals, transport and incidental. The costs will be covered by the Council International Relations budget (COCM08).
37. The travel would result in approximately 1.4 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per passenger. The cost of offsetting these emissions is approximately \$15. This amount has been included in the estimated travel costs above.

Taipei, Taiwan

38. Councillor Simon Marsh attended 2016 Taipei Velo-city conference to share how to enhance urban planning and infrastructure for daily bicycle users from 25 to 29 February 2016.
39. The Conference was attended by elected representatives, government officials, urban designers, planners and cycling advocates from around the world. One key theme of the conference was bike sharing schemes. Cycling and its connection to public transport, bike line design, scooters' issue, and light signals for bikes have been discussed.
40. In February 2015 a Memorandum of Understanding of the Partnership City Relationship between the cities of Taipei and Wellington was signed by Mayor Wen-Je Ko and Mayor Celia Wade Brown. While attending the Velo-city 2016 Conference in

Taipei, Councillor Simon Marsh met with Mayor Ko to deliver a personal invitation from Mayor Wade Brown to visit Wellington in mid-August 2016.

41. Mayor Ko expressed gratitude for the invitation and could see it providing opportunities to further explore cultural and economic activities between the two cities. He would endeavour to find time in his calendar to visit New Zealand.
42. The concept of Taipei Day in Wellington was raised during the meeting. Activities suggested might include a sister school MOU signing, an exhibition from Taipei, a visit from CGCG and possibly visit of a group of students from a Taipei high school.
43. Councillor Marsh was interviewed by the Taipei Broadcasting Corporation in a one hour radio lifestyle programme. Topics ranged widely covering what makes Wellington the “Coolest Little Capital”, its liveability and its economy to the recent arrival of Syrian refugees.
44. The cost for the trip was estimated at approximately \$6556. The total for the trip is \$6793. This includes all fares, accommodation, meals and incidental costs. It takes into account an increase in accommodation costs – some hotels had to be changed because the demand of room booking.

Attachments

Nil

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultation and Engagement

N/A

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

N/A

Financial implications

The costs for Elected Members to travel to Melbourne, Hania and Canberra will be met by International Relations budget COCM08.

Policy and legislative implications

N/A

Risks / legal

N/A

Climate Change impact and considerations

Carbon credits will be purchased in line with council policy.

Communications Plan

Subject to the decisions of the committee, the key communications messages are as follows:

- Mayor Wade-Brown was invited to speak at the prestigious international resilience conference, which supports the goal outlined in council's Digital Strategy and Action Plan to achieve global recognition as a creative digital city.
- Council is honouring its history and sister city relationships by visiting Crete to commemorate the historical 75th anniversary of the Battle of Crete.
- Mayor Wade-Brown's visit to Canberra presents an opportunity to formalise the cities' relationships in relation to the Singapore Airlines announcement.
- Cr Marsh's visit to Taipei successfully built international relationships.

The Mayor's Office will coordinate communications as required.