
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Time: 9.15am
Date: Thursday, 21 April 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 23 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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND (LGNZ) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, DUNEDIN, 24 JULY 2016

Purpose

1. This report recommends that the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee appoints a presiding delegate and an alternate presiding delegate to vote on behalf of the Wellington City Council at the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Dunedin on Sunday 24 July, 2016.

Summary

2. The Rules of LGNZ allow the Council to appoint up to four delegates to attend the AGM which precedes the LGNZ Conference to be held on 25 and 26 July at the same venue. Other elected members may attend the meeting as non-speaking observers. Member authorities are required to advise the Chief Executive of LGNZ, of the names and positions of the presiding, alternate and other delegates attending the AGM.
3. At the time of preparing report Wellington City Council is not aware of any remits that maybe proposed at AGM.
4. Remits to the AGM are a means of requesting specific government action on policy matters and require the formal support of at least five member Councils to be accepted for consideration at the AGM.

Recommendations

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Appoint the following delegates to attend the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 24 July, 2016 in Dunedin:
 - a. The Mayor as its presiding delegate, with authority to exercise Wellington City Council's six votes;
 - b. an alternate presiding delegate (in the event that the Mayor is absent from the floor of the meeting at any time), and
 - c. two other delegates, who shall be Councillors attending the conference.
3. Note that the attendance by Councillors at the conference on 25 and 26 July 2016 has been determined by the Deputy Mayor under delegated authority.

Discussion

Delegates to the Local Government New Zealand, Annual General Meeting

5. Wellington City Council is entitled to six (6) votes at the AGM and these votes are cast by the presiding delegate.

6. To enable the Council to exercise its votes at the AGM, the Committee is required to appoint, under delegated authority, a presiding delegate, an alternate presiding delegate and up to two other delegates.
7. The Rules of LGNZ allow the Council to appoint up to four delegates to attend the AGM.
8. It is noted that if more than four elected members attend the conference, those elected members may attend the meeting as observers but have no speaking or voting rights and are required to be seated away from the Council's official delegation.
9. Note that the following Councillors are attending the conference on 25 and 26 July, the Mayor, and Councillors Coughlan, Eagle, Peck Sparrow Woolf and Young.

Attachments

Nil

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultation and Engagement

There has been no consultation on this subject.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Financial implications

All costs for the attendance at the Local Government New Zealand, Annual General Meeting will be met by the Elected Members budget.

Policy and legislative implications

Under the rules of Local Government New Zealand the Council is entitled to appoint delegates to the Annual General Meeting

Risks / legal

There are no risks or legal implications.

Climate Change impact and considerations

There are no climate change considerations.

Communications Plan

A communications plan is not required.