
MINUTES

THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2012

**9.20AM – 10.34AM
10.53AM – 11.20AM**

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Wade-Brown	(9.20am – 10.34am, 10.53am – 11.20am.)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.20am – 10.34am.)
Councillor Best (Deputy Chair)	(9.20am – 10.34am, 10.53am – 11.20am.)
Councillor Cook	(9.22am – 10.34am, 10.53am – 11.20am.)
Councillor Coughlan	(9.22am – 10.34am, 10.53am – 11.20am.)
Councillor Eagle	(9.20am – 10.34am, 10.53am – 11.20am.)
Councillor Foster (Chair)	(9.20am – 10.34am, 10.53am – 11.20am.)
Councillor Gill	(9.20am – 10.34am, 10.54am – 11.20am.)
Councillor Lester	(9.20am – 10.18am, 10.22am – 10.34am.)
Councillor McKinnon	(9.20am – 10.34am.)
Councillor Marsh	(9.20am – 10.34am, 10.53am – 11.04am, 11.07am – 11.20am.)
Councillor Morrison	(9.20am – 10.34am, 10.53am – 11.20am.)
Councillor Pannett	(9.20am – 10.34am, 10.53am – 11.20am.)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.20am – 10.05am, 10.06am – 10.19am, 10.22am – 10.34am, 10.53am – 11.20am.)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.20am – 9.21am, 9.22am – 9.54am, 9.55am - 10.34am, 10.53am – 11.20am.)

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE:

Antoinette Bliss - Committee Advisor
Fiona Dunlop - Committee Advisor

214/12P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

There were no apologies.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 9.21am.)

215/12P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

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

(Councillor Cook joined the meeting at 9.22am.)

(Councillor Coughlan joined the meeting at 9.22am.)

216/12P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no deputations.

217/12P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

218/12P **SUBMISSION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002**
AMENDMENT BILL (9.22AM – 11.18AM)
Report of Allan Prangnell, Executive Strategist; Geoff Lawson, Acting
Programme Manager Policy; Elise Webster, Senior Strategy Adviser.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Eagle, the substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer's report as follows (in bold):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.

2. Agree to the attached submission to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee.
3. **Agree to delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive the authority to amend the draft submission document to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits.**

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 9.54am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 9.55am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 10.05am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.06am.)

(Councillor Lester left the meeting at 10.18am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 10.19am.)

(Councillor Lester returned to the meeting at 10.22am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.22am.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the following amendment:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

2. Agree to the attached submission **as amended** to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee **with the following amendments:**
 - (a) **Amend the submission by including commentary on the following elements as discussed in the officer report:**
 - (i) **Concern that the criteria for considering reorganisation proposals do not include democratic and engagement factors.**
 - (ii) **Concern that the burden of proof is shifted to those opposing reorganisation proposal rather than being neutral.**
 - (iii) **Concern about the implications of deferring elections on the business of running local governments.**
 - (b) **Attach the officer paper as an appendix to the submission.**

The amendment new 2(a) put and declared CARRIED.

The amendment new recommendation 2(b) moved by Councillor Foster was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Pannett and Ritchie

Voting against: Councillors Coughlan, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison and Pepperell

Vote: 9:6

The amendment new recommendation 2(b) was declared CARRIED.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.34am and reconvened at 10.53am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 10.54am.)

(Councillor Marsh left the meeting at 11.04am.)

(Councillor Marsh returned to the meeting at 11.07am.)

Councillor Foster with the leave of the meeting added the following to new recommendation 3 (underlined):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 3. Agree to delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive the authority to amend the draft submission document to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits including commentary on:**
 - (i) Clear definition on what community support means**
 - (ii) Do not support the increase in Mayoral powers.**
 - (iii) Sections about the replacements of section 10(b) and remuneration and employment policy in appendix a of the officers report.**

The substantive motion recommendations 1, 2 as amended and new 3 as amended were put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*

2. *Agree to the attached submission as **amended** to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee **with the following amendments**:*
- (a) *Amend the submission by including commentary on the following elements as discussed in the officer report:*
- (i) *Concern that the criteria for considering reorganisation proposals do not include democratic and engagement factors.*
 - (ii) *Concern that the burden of proof is shifted to those opposing reorganisation proposal rather than being neutral.*
 - (iii) *Concern about the implications of deferring elections on the business of running local governments.*
- (b) *Attach the officer paper as an appendix to the submission.*
3. *Agree to delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive the authority to amend the draft submission document to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits including commentary on:*
- (i) *Clear definition on what community support means*
 - (ii) *Do not support the increase in Mayoral powers.*
 - (iii) *Sections about the replacements of section 10(b) and remuneration and employment policy in appendix a of the officers report.*

NOTED:

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

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

The meeting concluded at 11.20am.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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