

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting on 7 September 2021.

Report 21.309

## Public minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting on Thursday 1 July 2021

Taumata Kōrero Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 2.30pm

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### Members Present

Hon. Tracey Martin

Chairperson

#### Councils

Mayor Anita Baker

Porirua City Council

Mayor Campbell Barry

Hutt City Council

Mayor Alex Beijen

South Wairarapa District Council

Mayor Andy Foster (to 2.59pm, from 3.22pm)

Wellington City Council

Mayor Wayne Guppy

Upper Hutt City Council

Mayor K Gurunathan

Kāpiti Coast District Council

Mayor Greg Lang

Carterton District Council

Mayor Lyn Patterson

Masterton District Council

Council Chair Daran Ponter

Greater Wellington Regional Council

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Horowhenua District Council

#### Ministers of the Crown

Hon. Dr Megan Woods (3.43pm to 4.31pm)

Minister of Housing

Hon. Michael Wood (3.43pm to 4.31pm)

Minister of Transport

#### Iwi organisations

Darrin Apanui

Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust

Helmut Modlik

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc.

Huia Puketapu

Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust

Di Rump

Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Inc.

## Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Helmut Modlik to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

## Public Business

### 1 Apologies

Moved: Mayor Foster / Chair Ponter

That the Committee accepts the apology for lateness from Minister Woods and Minister Wood and the apology for absence from Cherie Seamark.

The motion was **carried**.

### 2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### 3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

### 4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting on 28 May 2021 - Report 21.230

Moved: Mayor Guppy / Mayor Beijen

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting on 28 May 2021 - Report 21.230.

The motion was **carried**.

### 5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting on 28 May 2021 - Report PE21.231

Moved: Mayor Guppy / Mayor Beijen

That the Committee confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting on 28 May 2021 - Report PE21.231.

The motion was **carried**.

### 6 Process for the appointment of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee deputy chairperson – Report 21.266

The Committee Chair introduced the report. Francis Ryan, Manager, Democratic Services, spoke to the report.

The Committee Chair explained that the Committee's Deputy Chairperson was to be elected and that the first step in the process is for the Committee to adopt the voting system for this election. The Process for the appointment of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee deputy chairperson report outlined the two options for the

Committee's consideration. The Committee Chair then asked if there was a mover and a seconder for one of the voting systems detailed in the report.

Moved: Mayor Foster / Mayor Beijen

That the Committee:

- 1 Adopts, pursuant to Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, voting system A, appointment by the majority of members present and voting.
- 2 Agrees that any voting round that requires a resolution by 'lot' to exclude any person/s will use the procedure where the candidates' names (with the same number of votes) are placed in a container and the name of the person drawn out by an independent person is deemed the winner (i.e. elected or not excluded from the next round).
- 3 Notes that position of the Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee will cease at the next triennial local government election.
- 4 Agrees that the Deputy Chairperson will be appointed at the first meeting of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee of each new triennium.

The motion was **carried**.

Mr Ryan then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee. Mayor Beijen (seconded Mayor Gurunathan) nominated Mayor Guppy. Mayor Patterson (seconded Mayor Barry) nominated Mayor Baker.

A show of hands was then taken in respect of the two candidates. As an outcome of the vote Mayor Baker was declared Deputy Chair of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee.

## **7 2021 and 2022 Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting schedule – Report 21.244**

Francis Ryan, Manager, Democratic Services, spoke to the report.

Moved: Mayor Baker / Darrin Apanui

That the Committee:

- 1 Agrees to the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2021, as follows:
  - a 7 September 2021, at 1pm
  - b 23 November 2021, at 1pm
- 2 Agrees to the meeting schedule for the 2022 calendar year, as follows:
  - a 22 March 2022, at 1pm
  - b 31 May 2022, at 10am
  - c 26 July 2022, at 10am

d 20 September 2022, at 1pm

e 6 December 2022, at 1pm

3 Agrees that the Kaiwhakahaere Matua/Manager, Democratic Services, in consultation with the Committee Chair, may amend the schedule as appropriate, and notes that more meetings may be scheduled, if required.

4 Notes that officers will circulate the meeting schedule to key stakeholders.

The motion was **carried**.

## **8 Proposed amendments to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Agreement and Terms of Reference – Report 21.272**

Kim Kelly, Programme Director, Wellington Regional Growth Framework, spoke to the report.

Each recommendation of the report was considered separately.

Moved: Mayor Paterson / Mayor Foster

That the Committee:

- 1 Agrees to the recommended changes to the Joint Committee Agreement and Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Terms of Reference, being:
  - a amend the section on voting rights by deleting the two Horowhenua based iwi and the Horowhenua District Council from this list and delete the accompanying table.
  - b reflect the decision made at a meeting of the Mayors of Wairarapa and Wairarapa iwi/mana whenua organisations as in paragraph 14 and the subsequent letters that were sent on 3 March 2021 regarding Wairarapa iwi/mana whenua representation on the Joint Committee.
  - c enable both iwi and crown/cabinet members to nominate an alternate for appointment who, in exceptional circumstances, could attend the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meetings as a member.
  - d include the ability for the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee to adopt its own schedule of meetings.

The motion was **carried**.

Mayor Foster left the meeting at 2.59pm, after the vote on the above motion.

Moved: Mayor Baker/ Chair Ponter

That the Committee:

- 2 Agrees to:
  - a invite a small number of Members of Parliament to attend Committee meetings from time to time.

- b establish regular briefings for local Members of Parliament to provide them with information on the activity of the WRLC and for them to ask questions.

The motion was **carried**.

Moved: Chair Ponter / Mayor Beijen

That the Committee:

- 3 Advises that the preferred option for accounting for Observers in the Joint Committee Agreement and Terms of Reference is option A (paragraph 30 of the report), without voting rights – include generic commentary regarding Observers and their role.

The motion was **carried**.

Moved: Mayor Patterson / Mayor Guppy

That the Committee:

- 4 Notes that, if required, an updated Agreement and Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Terms of Reference will be brought to the next meeting of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee for endorsement before being considered at meetings of each member Council.

The motion was **carried**.

The Committee Chair accorded priority to agenda item 11 – Regional Economic Development Plan and agenda item 12 – Update on the establishment of the Secretariat, and potential agenda items for future meetings, in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.2.

## **9 Regional Economic Development Plan – Report 21.259**

John Allen, Chief Executive, WellingtonNZ and Luke Troy, General Manager, Strategy, Greater Wellington Regional Council, spoke to the report.

Moved: Chair Ponter / Huia Puketapu

That the Committee:

- 1 Endorses the proposed approach to creating a Regional Economic Development Plan.
- 2 Requests that officers report to the Committee's next meeting on integration between the Regional Economic Development Plan and other regional plans, including timeframes.

The motion was **carried**.

## **10 Update on the establishment of the Secretariat, and potential agenda items for future meetings – oral report**

Luke Troy, General Manager, Strategy, Greater Wellington Regional Council, provided an update on the establishment of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee secretariat.

Mr Troy advised that the recruitment process for the Committee secretariat is currently underway and that there are four roles being recruited for – Programme Director, Programme Manager, Programme Coordinator (part time), and Communications and Stakeholder advisor (part time), with interviews commencing next week for the Programme Director role. It is anticipated that the majority of appointments will be in place by the next Committee meeting.

An additional role, Iwi Liaison Advisor, is still being scoped and co-created with iwi to ensure that the role is useful and will appropriately support the iwi members on the Committee.

Mr Troy then outlined proposed agenda items for future meetings and invited input from the Committee on other topics for discussion. Initial agenda items include progress on projects and status updates on the Wellington Regional Growth Framework three year work programme. Further agenda topics would include analysis reports on the proposed Resource Management Act reform and the Local Government Act reform and report back on implications of relevance to the Committee.

Other agenda items may include analysis on how the Committee intersects with the work of other regional bodies – including the Regional Leadership Group, the Regional Skills Leadership Group and the Regional Transport Committee.

The Committee discussed that matters relating to immigration and population growth are a priority and that an invitation to the Minister of Immigration should be extended to provide an update to the Committee.

Mayor Foster returned to the meeting at 3.22pm, during the above item.

The meeting adjourned at 3.30pm and resumed at 3.43pm.

Minister Woods and Minister Wood joined the meeting at 3.43pm.

#### **11 Wellington Regional Growth Framework – three year work programme – Report 21.273**

Kim Kelly, Programme Director, Wellington Regional Growth Framework, spoke to the report and a presentation.

The presentation provided further detail of Wellington Regional Growth Framework three year work programme as outlined in the report.

During the discussion on the report:

- Minister Woods advised that she would ask the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to advise whether any funding/support is available for iwi capacity building and for the Ministry to provide support to the region's expression of interest for funding from the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund. Minister Woods advised that officials would be in contact with the Secretariat on these matters.
- Minister Wood advised that he has asked KiwiRail through the Rail Network Plan to accelerate its infrastructure investment to support commuter rail in the region. He also acknowledged how Climate Change is actively shaping transport priorities, and an



upcoming new Government Policy Statement would focus on de-carbonising transport networks.

Moved: Mayor Baker / Mayor Lang

That the Committee:

- 1 Approves in principle the overall three-year work programme for Wellington Regional Growth Framework as outlined in Table 1.
- 2 Approves the commencement of year one initiatives (or parts of initiatives) as outlined below, subject to funding requirements and resourcing being met:
  - a Structure and masterplans – Lower Hutt, Levin, Johnsonville – to be led by the respective councils.
  - b West-East investigations:
    - i Stage 1: Reconfirm the strategic case
    - ii Stage 2: Develop and assess programme options.
  - c Kāpiti -Horowhenua greenfield infrastructure and services:
    - i Stage 1: revised Growth Strategy for Kāpiti – to be led by Kāpiti District Council as part of their business as usual work.
  - d Regional housing approach and action plan including regional approach to urban development tools.
  - e Wellington Regional Growth Framework and Regional Policy Statement alignment – to be led by Greater Wellington Regional Council as part of their business as usual work.
  - f National Policy Statement Urban Development and Freshwater Management implementation:
    - i Stage 2 – Future Development Strategy including a iwi spatial plan updated constraints mapping and cultural mapping.
  - g Regional emissions reduction plan:
    - i Stage 1: Information gathering.
  - h Regional approach to climate change impact:
    - i Stage 1: Information gathering.
- 3 Notes that three year one initiatives are still to be scoped. These are:
  - a Iwi/Māori housing
  - b Iwi capacity building
  - c Ōtaki joint planning project.
- 4 Notes that a reporting template will be developed and regular reporting on these initiatives and other projects will be provided to the Committee.

The motion was **carried**.

Minister Woods and Minister Wood left the meeting at 4.31pm, after the vote on the above item, and did not return.

## 12 Finalisation of the Wellington Regional Growth Framework – Report 21.271

Kim Kelly, Programme Director, Wellington Regional Growth Framework, spoke to the report.

Moved: Mayor Guppy / Chair Ponter

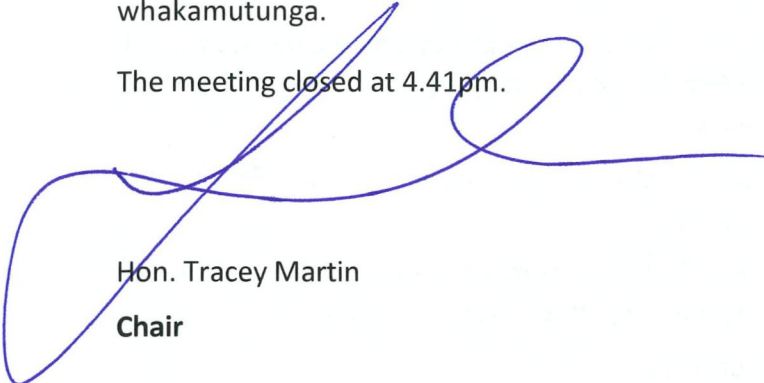
That the Committee:

- 1 Notes that public engagement on the draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework was undertaken from 11 March to 10 May 2021.
- 2 Notes the key themes from the feedback, as summarised in this report.
- 3 Approves the finalisation of the Wellington Regional Growth Framework, with the incorporation of the changes set out in Attachment 1.
- 4 Authorises the Committee Chair and Wellington Regional Growth Framework Programme Director to approve the finalised Wellington Regional Growth Framework for publication.

The motion was **carried**.

The Committee Chair invited Helmut Modlik to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 4.41pm.



Hon. Tracey Martin

**Chair**

Date: 31/5/22