

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Council meeting on 10 April 2025.

Report 25.113

## **Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 13 March 2025**

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council | Te Pane Matua Taiao  
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.31am

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### **Members Present**

Councillor Ponter (Chair)  
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Bassett  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Duthie  
Councillor Gaylor  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor Ropata (from 9.31am until 10.52am)  
Councillor Saw (from 9.55am)  
Councillor Woolf

Councillor Ropata participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25A of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

### **Karakia timatanga**

The Council Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

## Public Business

### 1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Gaylor

That the Council accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Saw.

The motion was **carried**.

### 2 Withdrawal of agenda item

The Chair advised that the Chief Executive had withdrawn item 7 from the agenda – Report PE25.79 – Riverlink – Relationship Agreement and Commercial Delivery Agreement.

### 3 Additional agenda item

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Duthie

- 1 That under Standing Order 3.5.5, Report RPE25.106 – Land Acquisition Opportunity – is dealt with at this meeting.
- 2 This report is not on the agenda for this meeting as at the time the agenda was prepared officers were still working through matters relating to the opportunity.
- 3 Discussion on matters contained in this report cannot be delayed until the Council's next meeting due to the short timeframe in which a decision is required.
- 4 This additional report will be dealt in Public Excluded business.

The motion was **carried**.

### 4 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### 5 Public participation

Averil Bramley spoke to agenda item 4 – Local Water Done Well – public consultation, Report 25.54, and the Annual Plan.

### 6 Local Water Done Well – public consultation – Report 25.54

Julie Knauf, Group Manager Corporate Services, Matthew Hickman, Principal Advisor Strategy, Policy and Regulation, Environment Group, and Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager, Finance and Risk, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Staples

That Council:

- 1 Notes that in accordance with the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024, Council is required to consider and consult on a future water services delivery model as part of preparing a Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP).
- 2 Notes that at its meeting of 31 October 2024, Council agreed to consult on two options, being the status quo (mandatory), with changes to meet the new legal requirements, and its preferred option of a new regional asset owning water services CCO model, in partnership with Upper Hutt, Hutt City, Porirua and Wellington City Councils.
- 3 Notes the preparation of the consultation material at Attachment 1 has been undertaken collectively by the five councils working together on the joint water services planning group (Upper Hutt, Hutt City, Porirua and Wellington City Councils and Greater Wellington) to ensure consistency of information.
- 4 Notes that the consultation approach has been developed in partnership with mana whenua governance members. Mana whenua representatives will consider how to directly engage with their whānau and hapū.
- 5 Notes that the financial modelling is based on an investment programme that is higher than what is in the Long-term Plan, to include critical regional projects such as the Seaview Outfall Pipe Renewal and the full costs of the Pākuratahi Storage Lakes.
- 6 Notes that consultation is being undertaken at a time when further legislation to complete the Local Water Done well reforms is still be finalised, and that some key aspects of the options and details in the consultation material may change as a result of the final legislation which is expected to be enacted mid-2025.
- 7 Agrees to follow the alternative consultation requirements provided for under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 sections 60 – 64 to consult on Council’s water services delivery model options.
- 8 Adopts the Local Water Done Well Water Services Delivery Model consultation document content (Attachment 1) for consultation purposes in accordance with the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024, subject to the question “Should Greater Wellington stay as an owner in any new regional water services organisation?” and its related commentary being removed from the document for publication.
- 9 Agrees to the public consultation period being from 20 March 2025 to 22 April 2025.
- 10 Notes that consultation for all participating councils is planned to occur between mid- to late-March 2025 and mid- to late-April 2025.
- 11 Authorises the Chair and Council Chief Executive to make minor editorial changes to the consultation document (Attachment 1) prior to publication.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Saw arrived at 9.55am during questions on the above item.

Councillor Ropata left at 10.52am at the conclusion of the above item and did not return.

The meeting adjourned at 10.52am and resumed at 11.09am.

## **7 Appointment of Member to the Regional Transport Committee – Report 25.88**

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Saw

That Council

- 1 Revokes the appointment of Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter as the South Wairarapa District Council member on the Regional Transport Committee.
- 2 Appoints Councillor Aaron Woodcock as the member for South Wairarapa District Council on the Regional Transport Committee.

The motion was **carried**.

## **8 Resolution to Exclude the Public – Report 25.78**

An updated Resolution to Exclude the Public was tabled.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Staples

That Council excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Land Acquisition Opportunity - Report RPE 25.106

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>Land Acquisition Opportunity – RPE25.106</b>	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
Information contained in this report relates to a lease opportunity in southern Wellington. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) to carry on negotiations (section 7(2)(i)).	The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.

Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.	
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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Act and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 11.11am.

Councillor D Ponter

**Chair**

Date:

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