



Confirmed public minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday, 31 October 2017 in the Level 2 East meeting room, Westpac Stadium, Waterloo Quay, Wellington at 10:03am

Present

Councillors Laidlaw (Chair), Blakeley, Donaldson, Gaylor, Kedgley, Laban, Lamason, McKinnon, Ogden, Ponter, Staples, and Swain.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Council accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Brash.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 Declarations of conflict of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

Kiri Rikihana spoke to item 6, *Māori constituencies*.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of 28 September 2017 and 11 October 2017, and the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of 28 September 2017

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of 28 September 2017 - Report 17.375, the Public minutes of 11 October 2017 - Report 17.396, and the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of 28 September 2017 - Report 17.377.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

5 Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2017

Greg Campbell, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Andy Burns, Audit Director, Audit New Zealand, summarised the results of the annual audit. Mr Burns advised that Audit New Zealand was in a position to issue an unqualified audit opinion, which reflects the uncertainties arising from the November 2016 earthquake, subject to the Council providing a letter of representation.

Councillors extended their gratitude to the auditors and officers for their efforts under challenging circumstances.

Report 17.425

File: CCAB-8-1322

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Approves the net amounts, in addition to those budgeted, being added to or (deducted) from the respective reserves as outlined in Attachment 3.*
- 4. Adopts the Annual Report and Summary Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2017, subject to receiving final audit clearance.*
- 5. Authorises the Council Chair and Chief Executive to make minor changes that may arise as part of finalising the audited Annual and Summary Annual Reports for the year ended 30 June 2017.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

6 Māori constituencies

Report 17.281

File: CCAB-8-1306

Moved

(Cr Laban/ Cr Ponter)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Defers a decision on this matter pending further consultation.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 **Report of the Sustainable Transport Committee on Better Metlink Fares consultation**

Cr Donaldson, Chair, Sustainable Transport Committee, spoke to the report.

Report 17.406

File: CCAB-8-1311

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Ponter)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the resolutions and commentary in the updated summary of submissions document at Attachment 1 to this report.*
4. *Notes that, following adoption of the variation to the Regional Public Transport Plan by Council and agreement of the fares package, all submitters will be informed of the Council decisions and will be provided with a link to the summary of submissions, variation to the Regional Public Transport Plan and associated fares package.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

8 **Adoption of variation 3 to the Regional Public Transport Plan and agreement of final dares package**

Paul Kos, Manager, Public Transport Planning, spoke to the report.

Report 17.413

File: CCAB-8-1313

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Staples)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees that the matters in the report require the Council to make a decision with a medium degree of significance.*
4. *Agrees that the Council has sufficient knowledge of the views and preferences of persons likely to be affected by, or have an interest in, the matters for decision in this report.*
5. *Adopts variation 3 to the Regional Public Transport Plan as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.*
6. *Agrees to the final fares schedule and final fares package as set out in Attachments 2 and 3 to this report.*

7. *Agrees to include a budget provision of \$5.5m for the fares package in the Long Term Plan consultation document, noting that this amount includes a subsidy component from the NZ Transport Agency and that the package includes a 3% fare increase to come into effect with the new bus network in mid-2018.*
8. *Notes that minor editorial changes have been made to variation 3 to the Regional Public Transport Plan.*
9. *Notes that final budget will be confirmed through the Long Term Plan process and will take account of farebox recovery, operational costs, and the rate share of public transport funding. If a different budget provision is required, fares could be adjusted accordingly.*
10. *Notes that a separate pricing project will be undertaken to review fare equity between modes and develop the capping approach as part of the transition to Integrated Ticketing.*
11. *Notes that the final fares schedule for ferry is subject to negotiation with the ferry operator, and fares may change as a result of negotiation.*
12. *Delegates to the Chair the ability to make minor editorial changes prior to publication to correct errors and improve public understanding.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Councillor Swain requested that his vote against the motions be recorded.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13am and reconvened at 11:31am.

9 **Significance and Engagement Policy**

Luke Troy, General Manager, Strategy, and Victoria Owen, Advisor, Strategic and Corporate Planning, spoke to the report.

Report 17.419

File: CCAB-8-1317

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the Significance and Engagement Policy in Attachment 1.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

10 **Proposed variation to the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2015: Waterloo and Paraparaumu site purchase and development**

Harriet Shelton, Manager, Regional Transport Planning, spoke to the report.

Report 17.319

File: CCAB-8-1263

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees to adopt the variation to the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 as set out in Attachment 1.*
4. *Agrees to forward the variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 to the NZ Transport Agency, requesting it be included in the National Land Transport Programme.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Governance

11 **Appointment of additional harbourmaster and confirmation of enforcement officer**

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

Report 17.417

File: CCAB-8-1315

Moved

(Cr Donaldson/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Appoints Patrick Atwood as a harbourmaster for the Wellington Region.*
4. *Confirms the appointment of John Tattersall as an enforcement officer for the Wellington Region.*
5. *Authorises John Tattersall, enforcement officer, to exercise the powers set out in section 33F(1)(c) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Corporate

12 **Health and safety update**

Lucy Matheson, General Manager, People and Customer, spoke to the report.

Report 17.431

File: CCAB-8-1323

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Ogden)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

13 **WRC Holdings Limited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017**

Mike Timmer, Treasurer, spoke to the report.

Report 17.422

File: CCAB-8-1321

Moved

(Cr Lamason/ Cr McKinnon)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Receives, as sole shareholder, the 2016/17 financial statements of WRC Holdings Limited.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

14 **Exclusion of the public**

Report 17.433

File: CCAB-8-1329

Moved

(Cr Blakeley/ Cr Ponter)

That the Council:

1. *Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:*
 - a. *Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 28 September 2017*
 - b. *Property purchase – Lower Hutt*
 - c. *Local Government Funding Agency Annual General Meeting*

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:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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| <i>1. Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 28 September 2017</i> | <i>The information in these Minutes relates to bus service contracting in the Wellington Region. Release of the information contained in these Minutes would likely prejudice Greater Wellington Regional Council's (GWRC) negotiations with bus operators as the report outlines matters that are the subject of negotiation. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in the public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.</i> | <i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Act (i.e to carry out negotiations without prejudice).</i> |
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The Minutes also refer to terms of a proposed disposal of property owned by GWRC. Release of this information would disadvantage GWRC if the property is placed on the open market for sale via a contestable sale process as it would reveal GWRC's price expectations. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.

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| <i>2. Property purchase – Lower Hutt</i> | <i>The information contained in this report relates to a proposed offer to acquire property interests. The report outlines terms of the proposed acquisition offer which is still subject to negotiation and acceptance. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage GWRC if further negotiations were to take place as it would reveal GWRC's negotiation</i> | <i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Act (i.e to carry out negotiations without prejudice).</i> |
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strategy. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.

3. *Local Government Funding Agency Annual General Meeting*
- The information contained in this report relates to the proposed election of LGFA Directors. Release of this information would prejudice the proposed Directors' privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered, and have expressed interest in, becoming Directors of the LGFA. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the privacy of the individuals concerned.*
- That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under sections 7(2)(a) of the Act (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons).*

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 12:33pm.

Cr C Laidlaw
(Chair)

Date: