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Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Alpha Room, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Wednesday 13 May 2009 at 9.00 am

Present

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Aitken, Baber, Bruce, Burke, Buchanan, Donaldson, Greig, and Wilson.

350 Apologies

Resolved (Cr Burke/Cr Aitken)

That Council:

Accepts the apology for absence from Councillors Glensor, Kirton, Laidlaw, and Lamason.

351 **Declarations of conflict of interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

352 **Public participation**

No members of the public participated in the meeting.

353 Exclusion of the public

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Resolved (Cr Aitken/Cr Burke)

That Council

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Purchase of property.

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

General subject of the matter to be considered:

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter

Purchase of property

The information contained in this report relates to Greater Wellington entering into а land purchase agreement for a piece of land. Theagreement has not yet been entered into. The report outlines terms of the proposed purchase which may still be negotiated. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council if further negotiations were to take place as it would reveal the Council's negotiation strategy. The Council 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.

Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely result inthe disclosure of information for which good reason withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official *Information* and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations).

Permits Peter O'Brien to remain at this meeting, while the Council considers Report 07.431 entitled Purchase of a property for flood protection purposes, after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge of the of the purchase. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to those matters because it relates directly to the subjects of the reports

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 public part of the meeting closed at 9.04 am.

Cr FH WILDE Chair

Date