

Confirmed minutes of the Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street Wellington, on Thursday 8 March 2012 at 9.35am

Present

Councillors Wilde (Chair), Aitken, Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw, Lamason, McPhee, Ponter, Swain and Wilson.

Public Business

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Conflict of Interest declarations

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved

(Cr Lamason / Cr Wilson)

That the Council confirms the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of 15 December 2011, reports 12.47 and PE 12.48.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

5 Draft Long Term Plan 2012-22 and Draft 2012/13 Annual Plan

Report 12.75

File: SP/05/01/01

An updated Draft Long Term Plan 2012-22 Summary document was tabled, and circulated to Councillors.

Karen Young, Audit Director, and David Tonks, Audit Manager, of Audit New Zealand were present for this item. Karen Young advised that the audit of the Greater Wellington's draft Long Term Plan documents for public consultation had gone well, and spoke about the quality of the documents and thanked officers for their input throughout the audit process.

Moved

(Cr Glensor / Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Agrees that the matters in the report will lead to the Council making a decision with a high degree of significance.*
- 4. Approves the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022, incorporating the 2012/13 Annual Plan and Financial Strategy for public consultation, subject to any changes agreed at the meeting.*
- 5. Approves the following draft policies included in the draft LTP for public consultation:*
 - Revenue and Financing Policy*
 - Policy on Significance*
 - Treasury Risk Management Policy*
 - Rates Remission and Postponement Policy*
 - Policy on Development Contributions or Financial Contributions.*
- 6. Notes that the draft Long Term Plan is proposing not to balance the operating budget in 2012/13.*
- 7. Agrees that it is financially prudent not to balance the operating budget in 2012/13 having had regard to the factors outlined in section 7 of this paper.*
- 8. Approves the statement on continuing the Wellington Regional Strategy activity which forms part of the draft Long Term Plan, and delegates to the WRS Committee the hearing of submissions on this activity.*

9. *Notes the submission period from the 26 March to 4 May, and the proposed public engagement activities.*
10. *Delegates to the Chair the ability to make minor editorial changes prior to publication to correct errors and improve public understanding.*
11. *Notes the quality of the draft Long Term Plan documents and thanks officers for their work in developing the draft Long Term Plan documents.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

6 **Memorandum of Understanding for the Parangarahu Lakes Area**

Report 12.76

File: X/16/05/09

Nicola Shorten, Manager, Strategic Planning, introduced the report.

Moved

(Cr Wilson / Cr Donaldson)

That the Council

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Endorses the Memorandum of Understanding set out in Attachment 1, subject to any changes agreed at the meeting.*
4. *Delegates to the Chair the authority to make minor changes to the Memorandum of Understanding in response to feedback from Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust.*
5. *Delegates to the Chair the authority to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Council.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Corporate

7 **Finance report for the six months ending 31 December 2011**

Report 12.50

File: CFO/13/02/01

Bruce Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the report.

Moved

(Cr Aitken / Cr Lamason)

That the Council

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

8 **Update to WRC Holdings Group Statement of Intent 2011/12 for Council**

Report 12.68

File: CFO/09/02/01

Bruce Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the report.

Moved

(Cr Lamason / Cr Wilson)

That the Council

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Receives the Updated Statement of Intent for WRC Holdings Ltd for 2011/12 and provides feedback to WRC Holdings if required within one month.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Committees/Meetings

9 **Report on the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 14 February 2012**

Report 12.49

File: E/11/06/04

Moved

(Cr Aitken / Cr Donaldson)

That the Council

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

10 **Exclusion of the public**

Report 12.82

Moved

(Cr Wilde / Cr Glensor)

That the Council:

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

1. *Purchase of property – Featherston and Woodside stations*

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 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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1. Purchase of property – Featherston and Woodside stations

The information contained in this report relates a land purchase agreement. The agreement 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.

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 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).

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 10.39am.

F H Wilde
(Chair)

Date: