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**Report 12.124**

27/03/2012

File: E/11/01/03

**Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Council Chamber,  
Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street Wellington, on  
Tuesday, 27 March 2012, at 9.33am**

**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**

Tony Randle spoke to item 6 on the agenda – Annual Public Transport Fare Review 2012. A copy of his presentation was circulated.

4 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Moved*

*(Cr Lamason/Cr Aitken)*

*That the Council confirms the minutes of the meeting of 8 March 2012, report 12.84.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## **Strategy/Policy/Major Issues**

### **5 Better Local Government reforms**

#### **Report 12.118**

File: PS/02/02/08

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilde/ Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Agrees to the establishment of an Independent Review Panel to consider the future local government arrangements for the Wellington region, as set out in section 5.*
- 4. Agrees to invite participation in the proposed process from other councils from the Wellington region and other regionally representative organisations, noting that such organisations will need to have regional reach and a record of representing their sector.*
- 5. Agrees that the membership of the Independent Review Panel and all details of the terms of reference will be determined in conjunction with any other participating councils and organisations.*
- 6. Agrees that the participating organisations, membership of the Independent Review Panel and the final terms of reference will be subject to Council approval prior to proceeding.*
- 7. Notes that there is a comprehensive body of research and analysis on this issue, including from the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance, the Auckland Transition Agency, the Department of Internal Affairs and Auckland Council, as well as further reports on the Wellington Region, and that this information will be available to the Independent Review Panel.*
- 8. Agrees to a Greater Wellington budget of \$150,000 for costs associated with the Independent Review Panel, assuming no other organisations are involved, and notes that any other organisations involved would be expected to share some of these costs.*
- 9. Agrees that a reserve be established, drawn from the surplus in Greater Wellington's 2011/12 investment activities, to meet the costs associated with the Independent Review Panel.*
- 10. Notes that the Chair has agreed to present to the Mayoral Forum the findings of the Independent Panel for discussion prior to any submission by Greater Wellington to the Local Government Commission.*

*Moved as an amendment*

*(Cr Swain/ Cr Brash)*

*11. Agrees that, when Council presents any final proposal to the Local Government Commission, a recommendation is made for a referendum to be held on the proposal before the final reorganisation scheme is determined, prepared and implemented.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11am and resumed at 11.15am.

## 6 **Annual Public Transport Fare Review 2012**

David Benham, Chief Executive Officer, spoke to the report.

### **Report 12.79**

File: TD/07/10/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Glensor/ Cr Brash)*

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives this report.*
- 2. Notes the content of this report.*
- 3. Notes that the Council draft Long Term Plan 2012-22 assumes a fare revenue increase of 3% per annum from 2012/13 onwards.*
- 4. Notes that unless fares are increased, user contribution levels are predicted to fall below the Council target levels within the next two years.*
- 5. Agrees that, subject to approval of the Long Term Plan 2012-2022 by Council, fares be increased from 1 October 2012 to generate a revenue increase of 3%, and subject to satisfactory agreement of contractual terms with operators which see the financial benefits of the fare increase flowing to the Council.*
- 6. Agrees that the preferred fare increase scenario set out in this report be the basis of discussion with operators, but acknowledges that all options remain open at this time.*
- 7. Notes that reports on progress with operator discussions will be reported back to the Council.*
- 8. Notes that consultation on the proposed fare revenue increase will occur with the public as part of the preparation of the Council's Long Term Plan 2012-2022, and that the increase cannot be confirmed until the completion of that Plan.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## Corporate

### 7 **WRC Holdings Group 2012/13 draft Statement of Intent**

Bruce Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the report.

#### **Report 12.67**

File: CFO/09/02/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Lamason/ Cr Wilson)*

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Receives the draft Statement of Intent of WRC Holdings Group for 2012/13 and forwards any comments or recommendations to the directors of WRC Holdings Ltd for their consideration.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

### 8 **Financial report for the eight months ending 29 February 2012**

Bruce Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report.

#### **Report 12.98**

File: CFO/13/02/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Aitken/Cr Donaldson)*

*That the Council:*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

### 9 **Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) update, half yearly report and Statement of Intent**

Bruce Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report.

#### **Report 12.110**

File: CFO/06/03/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Aitken/ Cr Lamason)*

*That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Resolves that a payment of \$29,371.58 be made by LGFA to the Acting LGFA Chief Executive during the early establishment phase of the LGFA.*
4. *Authorises the Chief Executive to sign the Shareholders resolution in relation to the remuneration of the LGFA Acting CEO role in a form as in Attachment 4.*
5. *Receives the draft Statement of Intent of the Local Government Funding Agency and forwards any comments or recommendations to the CFO for communication to the Shareholder Council to provide to the LGFA.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## **Governance**

### **10 Review of Standing Orders**

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

#### **Report 12.80**

File: E/04/01/01

*Moved*

*(Cr Aitken/ Cr Wilson)*

*That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Notes that, pursuant to clause 27, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, it may amend Standing Orders or adopt a new set of Standing Orders by a vote of not less than 75 percent of the members present.*
4. *Approves the Greater Wellington Regional Council Standing Orders 2012 as set out at Attachment 1 to this report, to come into force on 1 May 2012.*
5. *Revokes the Greater Wellington Regional Council Standing Orders 2007 from the date that the Greater Wellington Regional Council Standing Orders 2012 come in to effect.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## Committees/Meetings

### 11 Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 9 March 2012

#### Report 12.97

File: E/11/01/04

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilde/ Cr Glensor)*

*That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Agrees to appoint the following members to the Regional Land Transport Programme Hearing Subcommittee:*
  - *Mayor Nick Leggett, Porirua City Council*
  - *Mayor Wayne Guppy, Upper Hutt City Council*
  - *Councillor Andy Foster, Wellington City Council*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

### 12 Report on the Environmental Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 13 March 2012

#### Report 12.100

File: E/11/02/04

*Moved*

*(Cr Donaldson/Cr Aitken)*

*That the Council:*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

### 13 Report on the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 15 March 2012

#### Report 12.105

File: E/11/04/04

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilson/ Cr Lamason)*

*That the Council:*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

14 **Report on the Economic Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 15 March 2012**

**Report 12.107**

File: E/11/03/04

*Moved*

*(Cr Glensor/ Cr Greig)*

*That the Council:*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

15 **Report on the Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee meeting held on 20 March 2012**

**Report 12.112**

File: E/11/05/04

*Moved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/ Cr Ponter)*

*That the Council:*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

16 **Exclusion of the public**

*Moved*

*(Cr Wilde/ Cr Donaldson)*

*That the Council:*

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

1. *Confirmation of public excluded minutes of Council meeting 8 March 2012.*

*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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered:</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
<i>1. Confirmation of public excluded minutes of Council meeting 8 March 2012</i>	<i>The information contained in these minutes relates a land purchase agreement. The agreement has not yet been entered into. The minutes outline 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.</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 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to enable Greater Wellington to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).</i>

*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 12.19pm.

FH Wilde  
(Chair)

Date: