

Report 19.466

10/10/2019 File: CCAB-8-2547

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10 October 2019, in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 9.31am.

Present

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

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved

(Cr Laidlaw / Cr Staples)

That the Council accepts the apology for absence from Cr Laban and Cr Swain.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 Declarations of conflict of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

Public participation

Mike Mellor spoke to Item 6 – *Annual Report 2018/19*.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of 2 October 2019

Moved (Cr Lamason / Cr Brash)

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of 2 October 2019, Report 19.458.

The motion was CARRIED.

5 Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of 2 October 2019

Moved (Cr Lamason / Cr Brash)

That the Council confirms the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of 2 October 2019, Report 19.464.

The motion was CARRIED.

Strategy/Policy/Major Issues

6 Annual Report 2018/19

Alan Bird, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the report and circulated the independent auditor's report. Jacques Coetzee, Associate Audit Director, Audit New Zealand, advised that the audit was complete and that Audit New Zealand was in a position to issue an unqualified audit report.

Report 19.418 File: CCAB-8-2545

Moved (Cr Laidlaw / Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. *Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Adopts the Annual Report and Summary Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2019, subject to the "Reaching our non-financial performance targets" commentary (page 16 of draft report) being amended to include initial commentary on the achieved performance targets.
- 4. Authorises the Chief Executive to make minor changes that may arise as part of finalising the audited Annual Report and Summary Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2019.

The motion was CARRIED.

Noted: The Council thanked Jacques Coetzee for his leadership of the audit process and wished him well for his new role in the Audit Office.

7 Local Government Funding Agency Annual General Meeting and Annual Report 2019

Sean Mahoney, Company Portfolio Manager, introduced the report.

Report 19.457 File: CCAB-8-2537

Moved

(Cr Lamason / Cr Blakeley)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. *Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Receives the LGFA Annual Report 2018/2019.
- 4. Appoints Samantha Gain, or failing her, Alan Bird, as proxy to represent this Council as a shareholder of the LGFA, at the LGFA AGM.
- 5. Delegates to the Chief Executive the power to:
 - a. Appoint an alternative proxy to represent this Council as a shareholder of the LGFA, at the LGFA AGM, in the event that either proxy is unable to attend the AGM
 - b. Complete and sign the proxy form on behalf of the Council.
 - 6. Instructs the proxy, to exercise the Council's votes by voting:
 - a. To re-elect Linda Robertson as an Independent Director
 - b. To re-elect Mike Timmer as a non-Independent Director
 - c. To re-elect Auckland Council as a Nominating Local Authority
 - d. To re-elect Western Bay of Plenty District Council as a Nominating Local Authority
 - e. To approve the proposed increases in Directors Fees
 - f. To approve the proposed changes to the foundation policies of the LGFA
 - g. To approve the proposed changes to the Shareholders Agreement.

The motion was CARRIED.

8 **Exclusion of the public**

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Moved

(Cr Donaldson / Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

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

1. Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 2 October 2019

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:

considered:

General subject of Reason for passing this resolution each matter to be in relation to each matter

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

1. Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of 2 October 2019

The information contained in these minutes relates to future rail service procurement and contracting, proposed land purchase upon terms and conditions that are yet to be negotiated and agreed, and a proposed purchase of land upon terms and conditions that are yet to be finalised. 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 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.

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information which reason for withholding exists under section 7(2)(b)(ii), (i) and/or (j) of the Act.

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 10:59am.

Cr C Laidlaw (Chair)

Nigel Corry (Acting Chief Executive)

Date: 10 October 2019