

## **Confirmed Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting on Tuesday 23 February 2021**

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 1pm.

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### **Members Present**

Councillor Nash (Chair)  
Councillor Lee (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Brash  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor van Lier  
Dr Maria Bargh

### **Karakia timatanga**

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

### **Public Business**

#### **1 Apologies**

There were no apologies

#### **2 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

#### **3 Public participation**

There was no public participation.

#### **4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting of 8 December 2020 – Report 20.486**

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Climate Committee meeting of 8 December 2020 – Report 20.486

The motion was **carried**.

**5 Update on progress of action items from previous Climate Committee meetings – Report 21.10 [For Information]**

Luke Troy, General Manager Strategy spoke to the report.

**6 Climate Emergency Response programme status update – Report 21.48 [For Information]**

Andrea Brandon, Programme Lead – Climate Change, and Jake Roos, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

**Noted:** The Committee requested that officers report back to Council on Greater Wellington’s forestry activities.

**Noted:** The Committee requested that a previous quarter percent completed column be added to the update.

**7 Application to the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund February 2021 – Report 21.49**

Andrea Brandon, Programme Lead – Climate Change spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lee / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes the application for funding from the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund (Attachment 1).
- 2 Notes the importance of a well-planned, sustainably resourced and tightly managed retirement and restoration programme to successfully achieving our climate goals for the organisation.
- 3 Notes the application is for \$620,000 (GST exclusive), to be allocated until 30 June 2024 as follows:

2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
\$170,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
- 4 Agrees to recommend to Council that this application to the Low Carbon Acceleration Fund for a total of \$620,000 (GST exclusive) is approved.
- 5 Requests officers to provide a more detailed budget for 2020/21 and how it is split between planning and Mana Whenua engagement, building on the experience of the Parks network planning process.

The motion was **carried**. Councillor Gaylor requested that her vote against the motion be recorded. Dr Bargh requested that her abstention on the motion be recorded.

**8 Climate Change Commission report – draft advice on carbon budgets and National Emissions Reduction Plan– Report 21.56**

Jake Roos, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr van Lier

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes the Commission is recommending a range of key transitions to Government that will have implications for regional and local government including Greater Wellington.
- 2 Notes consultation is open until 14 March 2021.
- 3 Agrees to take a targeted approach focussed on a small number of key areas, for a Greater Wellington submission, to provide the best chance of influencing the final product for the benefit of the Wellington region.
- 4 Agrees to the areas of particular focus for the submission.
- 5 Delegates to Council Chair and Climate Committee Chair to approve the submission.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Gaylor left the meeting at 2.37pm at the conclusion of the above item, and did not return.

#### **9 Briefing on upcoming key extern/central government moves on climate – Oral Report**

Katharina Achterberg, Project Coordinator, Climate Change, spoke to the report. A presentation was tabled.

Ms Achterberg provided the Committee with a timeline of opportunities to submit on proposals from external agencies, as well as two opportunities to represent Greater Wellington at external events.

Ms Achterberg explained the timeframe and process for the Resource Management Act 1991 reforms signalled by the Government. Between May and September 2021 a draft of the Natural and Built Environment Bill will be agreed to by Cabinet and referred to a special select committee inquiry. The Strategic Planning Bill and Climate Change Adaptation Bill will be developed in a parallel process.

The three bills are scheduled to be introduced to Parliament in late 2021, with all three pieces of proposed legislation to be passed by end of 2022.

## Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 2.44pm.

Councillor T. Nash

Chair



Date:

25/5/21