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REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 07.291

13 March 2007

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 8 May 2007 at 10.44 am

Present

Councillors Buchanan (Chairman), Aitken, Baber, Evans, Glensor, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Turver, and Wilde.

Officers Present

Benham, Bradbury, Braddock, Corry, Davis, Dick, Gray, Hastie, Kennedy, Pryce, Reay, Ryan, Sangster, Timmer, and Turfrey.

Public Business

Procedural Items

PF&S 233 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee

Accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Greig.

298 **Confirmation of Minutes***Resolved**(Cr Aitken/Cr McDavitt)**That the:*

- *Minutes of the Council meeting of 13 March 2007, Report 07.133 and Report PE 07.134*
- *Minutes of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting 13 March 2007, Report 07.132*

*be confirmed, the public excluded parts to remain confidential.***Matter for Decision**299 **Regional Land Transport Committee Appointments****Report 07.274**

File E/06/11/06

*Resolved**(Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)**That Council*

- (1) Notes the resignation of Councillor Wilde from the Regional Land Transport Committee due to her appointment to the Board of Transit New Zealand.*
- (2) Expresses an appreciation of Councillor Wilde's excellent contribution to the Regional Land Transport Committee.*
- (3) Appoints Councillor Evans as Deputy Chairperson of the Regional Land Transport Committee.*
- (4) Appoints Councillor Glensor as a member of the Regional Land Transport Committee.*

Matter for Information300 **Chairman's Report to 2 May 2007****Report 07.243**

File E/06/01/05

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Laidlaw)**That Council*

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*

- (3) *Agrees that the Council Chairman and Councillor Laidlaw represent Greater Wellington at the 2007 LGNZ Conference.*

Reports of Committees

Resolved (Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)

That the Supplementary Order Paper containing committee reports 07.251, 07.250, and 07.286 be tabled.

301 **Policy, Finance and Strategy – 8 May 2007**

Report 07.181 File E/06/01/04

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Kirton)

That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 8 May 2007 be adopted.

302 **Rural Services and Wairarapa – 20 March 2007**

Report 07.161 File: E/06/12/02

Resolved (Cr Long/Cr Kirton)

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 20 March 2007, items RSW 165 to RSW 174 inclusive.

302 **Report PE 07.162** File: E/06/12/02

Resolved (Cr Long/Cr Kirton)

That Council

Adopts the Public Excluded Part of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 20 March 2007, item PE RSW 176.

303 **Passenger Transport – 27 March 2007**

Report 07.166 File: E/06.19/02

Resolved (Cr Evans/Cr Glensor)

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 27 March 2007, items PT 133 to PT 141 inclusive.

Noted

Councillor McDavitt expressed gratitude to Councillor Evans for his hard work and achievements during his time as Chairman of the Passenger Transport Committee.

304 **Landcare – 28 March 2007****Report 07.167**

File: E/06.16/02

*Resolved**(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)**That Council*

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 28 March 2007, items LC 194 to LC 202 inclusive.

305 **Environment – 3 April 2007****Report 07.177**

File: E/06/18/02

*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr Baber)**That Council*

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 3 April 2007, items E242 to E254 inclusive.

306 **Wellington Regional Strategy – 16 April 2007****Report 07.191**

File: E/06/25/02

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Wilde)**That Council*

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held on 16 April 2007, items WRS 11 to WRS 19 inclusive.

Noted

Councillor Aitken requested that future order papers of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee include an agenda item providing for conflict of interest declarations. The Chairman advised that this is a matter to be considered with regard to all committees.

307 **Utility Services– 18 April 2007**

Report 07.198

File: E/06/17/02

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Laidlaw)

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 18 April 2007, items US 82 to US 88 inclusive.

Report PE 07.199

File: E/06/17/02

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Laidlaw)

That Council

Adopts the report of the Public Excluded meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 18 April 2007, items PE US 16 and PE US17 inclusive.

308 **Regional Land Transport– 2 May 2007**

Report 07.251

File: E/06/11/02

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 2 May 2007, items RLT 145 to RLT 155 inclusive.

309 **Wellington Regional Strategy – 2 May 2007**

Report 07.250

File: E/06/25/02

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held on 2 May 2007, items WRS 20 to WRS 24 inclusive.

310 **Wellington Regional Strategy Governance and Funding Proposal – Section 16
Mediation Agreement and Adoption of Amended LTCCP**

Report 07.286

File: WRS/09/01/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Long)

That Council

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report.*
- (3) *Agrees to change the WRS Governance and Funding Proposal, as amended by Greater Wellington on 22nd February 2007, as follows:*
 - i. *By 30 June 2011, a full and independent review of the effectiveness of the entire Wellington Regional Strategy be completed and reported to the WRS Committee. The WRS Committee must recommend whether or not Greater Wellington will continue to carry out the function of regional economic development in accordance with clause 3(ii).*
 - ii. *That Greater Wellington will cease to carry out the function of regional economic development on 30 June 2012. Prior to 30 June 2012, if Greater Wellington wishes to carry out the function of regional economic development after 30 June 2012, it must undertake the process set out in section 16 of the LGA 2002 or such other process that applies at that time*
 - iii. *That the terms of reference for the WRS committee (and any consequential changes required for the standing orders) will be amended so that the voting provisions for the following decisions will change from a simple majority to a 75% majority*
 - a. *Any decision resulting in a statutory consultation process under the LGA 2002 (such as establishing a new CCO)*
 - b. *Adoption of the statement of corporate intent for the EDA*
 - c. *Appointment of directors of the EDA*
 - d. *The following decisions relating to the review referred to in clause 3(i) above*
 - *Agreeing the terms of reference; and*
 - *Selecting the independent reviewer ;and*
 - *Decisions made on the recommendations following the review*
 - e. *Any significant amendments to the WRS.*

- (4) *Amends the Terms of Reference for the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee, as set out in Attachment 2.*
- (5) *Amends the Greater Wellington Regional Council Standing Orders 2005 (as amended on 22 February 2007) as follows:*
- Clauses 4.1 and 32.1 (“Decisions to be by Majority Vote”) are amended by adding the following text: “except that in the case of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee the following decisions will require a three quarter majority:*
- i. Recommended quantum of funding and funding policy*
 - ii. Any decision resulting in a statutory consultation process under the LGA 2002 (such as establishing a new CCO).*
 - iii. Adoption of the statement of corporate intent for the EDA.*
 - iv. Appointment of directors of the EDA.*
 - v. The following decisions relating to the review referred to in clause 3(i) above:*
 - Agreeing the terms of reference; and*
 - Selecting the independent reviewer ;and*
 - Decisions made on the recommendations following the review*
 - vi. Any significant amendments to the Wellington Regional Strategy”.*
- (6) *Notes that the WRS Committee will require that the statement of corporate intent for the EDA will include an explicit statement to record that capital or operational expenditure of community facilities or events are not activities that can be funded by the EDA.*
- (7) *Notes that a Multilateral Agreement, recording how the Council will work together and setting out the collective expectations for Greater Wellington’s “keeper” role will be brought to the Council for signing.*
- (8) *Instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that the draft Multilateral Agreement referred to in (8) makes the following provisions:*
- caps the amount sought by GW rates for economic development for the WRS at \$5 million plus GST subject to CPI adjustments until 30 June 2012; and*
 - the WRS contains guidelines to promote good Regional form. These will not override local communities' ability to influence outcomes important to their communities.*
- (9) *Notes that the economic development rate will be reviewed when the Revenue and Funding Policy is reviewed for the 2009/19 LTCCP, under Section 101(3)*

of the Local Government Act.

Moved as an amendment

(Cr Kirton/Cr Aitken)

That Council confirms the mediation agreement with Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt City Councils, signed on its behalf by the Chairman on 20 April 2007.

Noted

- Both the substantive motion (subject to a minor typographic correction) and amendment were passed unanimously.
- Councillor Glensor expressed his pleasure at mediation being reached, hoped that WRS business will progress positively from now on, and stated that he feels that relationships are important.
- Councillor Evans considered that a protocol should be developed for situations where the Council does not agree with the recommendations made by the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee and the recommendations are referred back to the Committee. The Chairman agreed that this matter should be explored further.

Other Matters

311 **Questions**

There were no questions.

312 **General**

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 11.57 am.

Cr I M BUCHANAN
Chairman

Date: