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## Environment Committee

Thursday 1 April 2021, 9.30am

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington

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### Members

Cr Gaylor (Chair)

Cr Connelly (Deputy Chair)

Cr Blakeley

Cr Brash

Cr Hughes

Cr Kirk-Burnnand

Cr Laban

Cr Lamason

Cr Lee

Cr Nash

Cr Ponter

Cr Staples

Cr van Lier

Barbie Barton

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Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Environment Committee meeting on 1 April 2021.

Report 21.67

## Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on Thursday 18 February 2021

All members participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams, at 9.30am.

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### Members Present

Councillor Gaylor (Chair)  
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Blakeley  
Councillor Brash  
Councillor Hughes  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Lamason  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor Ponter  
Councillor Staples  
Councillor van Lier

All members participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum, in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

### Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Connelly to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga – Ngau mai e ngā hua.

### Public Business

#### 1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr van Lier

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Lee and Barbie Barton.

The motion was **carried**.

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

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

## **3 Public participation**

Denise Church, Predator Free Wellington, tabled a presentation and spoke to agenda item 8 – Crown Funded Covid Recovery Projects – progress update, specifically on the Predator Free Wellington update.

## **4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 26 November 2020 – Report 20.439**

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of 26 November 2020 – Report 20.439.

The motion was **carried**.

The Committee Chair requested that Councillor Nash provide the Committee with an update on the work on the Wainuiomata Mainland Island threatened species sanctuary, in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.6.

## **5 Wainuiomata Mainland Island threatened species sanctuary update – oral report**

Councillor Nash provided the Committee with an update. Councillor Nash advised that there has been a meeting between himself, Greater Wellington officers, Taranaki Whānui and Department of Conservation. The Minister of Finance (Hon. Grant Robertson, MP) indicated his interest to visit.

**Noted:** The Committee requested that a standing item on the Wainuiomata Mainland Island threatened species sanctuary (Report 20.466) be added to the agenda for future meetings.

## **6 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 Hearing Subcommittee meeting on 23 November 2020 – Report 20.438**

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr van Lier

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 Hearing Subcommittee meeting on 23 November 2020 – Report 20.438.

The motion was **carried**.

## **7 Update on progress of actions items from previous Environment Committee meetings – February 2021 – Report 21.6 [For Information]**

Al Cross, General Manager Environment Management, spoke to the report.

**8 Mayoral Taskforce update – oral report**

Mike Mendonca, Chief Resilience Officer, Wellington City Council (WCC) spoke to the report. A presentation was tabled.

Mr Mendonca advised the Committee that WCC appointed a mayoral taskforce to investigate the issues with the three waters network (the Mayoral Taskforce) and to recommend back to WCC an action plan.

The Mayoral Taskforce looked at the role of WCC and Wellington Water Limited (WWL) and found that a fundamental reorganisation of the funding, governance, asset ownership and management of water is required. WCC has formally received the report, which included 48 recommendations, but is yet to receive officer advice on the recommendations.

Many of the pipes are old, and the condition is unknown. Most of the focus is on the seismic resilience of these pipes, but the extent of the damage to the pipes after the recent earthquakes is unclear. It is clear that the sewerage and stormwater overflow needs to be disconnected, and to improve green infrastructure utilising stormwater. Drinking water pipes lose between six and 32 percent of water, but it is unclear the extent of the loss. Investigations will need to be done to understand the issues and options to fix this, such as water metering.

Community participation will be a focus area. Engagement with communities will be important for catchment management. This will help performance and transparency, by not allowing the three waters network to be out of sight and out of mind.

**9 Crown Funded Covid Recovery Projects – progress update – Report 21.51 [For Information]**

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager Catchment Management, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Blakeley

That the Committee requests officers to explore and report back to Council on a targeted rate to support predator free efforts in the Wellington City and the viability of inclusion in the draft Long Term Plan consultation document.

The motion was **carried**.

**10 Whaitua update – Oral report**

Tim Sharp, Programme Manager – Whaitua, updated the Committee on the whaitua programme.

*Kāpiti Whaitua*

Officers are aiming to start the whaitua process for Kāpiti June/July 2021. Officers want to get the information in place and have an agreement with mana whenua before starting the process. A programme is underway to gather scientific information to fill any gaps, which will be finished this year. This was a learning from previous whaitua programmes,

where the science programme was undertaken at the same time as the whitua programme. Appropriate funding arrangements of mana whenua to support their involvement in whitua is being investigated.

*East Wairarapa Whitua*

Officers aim to begin the East Wairarapa whitua programme in 2022, subject to Long Term Plan funding.

*Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whitua*

The Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whitua Committee intends to bring the final draft Whitua Implementation Programme to Council to adopt on 27 May 2021. It is in the final stages and is testing the draft recommendations and refining these. The Co-Chairs (Sam Kahui and Louise Asking) met with Hutt City Council councillors, which has doubled funding for the three waters network in its District and Long Term Plans.

## **Karakia whakamutunga**

The Committee Chair invited Councillor Connelly to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga – Kia hora te marino.

The public meeting closed at 11.15am.

Councillor P Gaylor

**Chair**

Date:

Environment Committee  
1 April 2021  
Report 21.101



For Information

## UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS – APRIL 2021

### Te take mō te pūrongo

#### Purpose

1. To update the Environment Committee (the Committee) on the progress of action items arising from previous Committee meetings.

### Te horopaki

#### Context

2. Items raised at the Committee's previous meetings, which require action by officers, are listed in [Attachment 1](#) – Action items from previous Environment Committee meetings. For all action items, the current status and a brief comment is provided on progress to date.

### Ngā hua ahumoni

#### Financial implications

3. There are no financial implications from this report, but there may be implications arising from the actions listed.

### Ngā tūāoma e whai ake nei

#### Next steps

4. All completed items will be removed from the action items table for the next report. Items not completed will continue to be progressed. Any new items will be added, following this Committee meeting, and circulated to the relevant business group/s for action.

### Ngā āpitihanga

#### Attachment

Number	Title
1	Action items from previous Environment Committee meetings

**Ngā kaiwaitohu  
Signatories**

Writer	Al Cross – Kaiwhakahaere Matua mo te Taiao/General Manager Environment Management Wayne O’Donnell – Kaiwhakahaere Matua Whaitua/General Manager Catchment Management
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<b>He whakarāpopoto i ngā huritaonga Summary of considerations</b>
<b><i>Fit with Council's roles or with Committee's terms of reference</i></b> The action items are of an administrative nature and support the functioning of the Committee.
<b><i>Implications for Māori</i></b> Known implications for Māori are identified to the extent advised in Attachment 1.
<b><i>Contribution to Annual Plan / Long Term Plan / Other key strategies and policies</i></b> Action items contribute to Council's or Greater Wellington's related strategies, policies and plans to the extent identified in Attachment 1.
<b><i>Internal consultation</i></b> There was no additional internal consultation in preparing this report and updating the action items.
<b><i>Risks and impacts - legal / health and safety etc.</i></b> There are no known risks or impacts.

**Attachment 1 to Report 21.101**

**Action items from previous Environment Committee meetings**

<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status and comment</b>
15 October 2020	<p><b>Update on progress of action items from previous meetings – October 2020 – Report 20.373</b></p> <p><b>Noted:</b></p> <p>The Committee requested that officers invite Wellington City Council officers to the next working group meeting between Greater Wellington, Wellington Water Limited, and Regional Public Health.</p>	<p><b>Status</b></p> <p>Completed.</p> <p><b>Comment</b></p> <p>WCC officials will be specifically invited to each session in 2021.</p> <p>Tom Williams attended the last inter-agency meeting on 15 February.</p> <p>Mike Mendonca from WCC attended the 18 February meeting to give an update on the Mayoral Taskforce.</p>
18 February 2021	<p><b>Wainuiomata Mainland Island threatened species sanctuary update</b></p> <p><b>Noted:</b></p> <p>The Committee requested that a standing item on the Wainuiomata Mainland Island threatened species sanctuary (Report 20.466) be added to the agenda for future meetings.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b></p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b></p> <p>Verbal updates will be provided at each meeting.</p>
18 February 2021	<p><b>Crown Funded Covid Recovery Projects – progress update – Report 21.51</b></p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p>That the Committee requests officers to explore and report back to Council of a targeted rate to support predator free efforts in the Wellington City and the viability of inclusion in the draft Long Term Plan consultation document.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b></p> <p>Completed.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b></p> <p>A targeted rate is unable to be included in the draft Long Term Plan as it would trigger a review of the Revenue and Finance Policy.</p> <p>A review of the pest management rating will be undertaken in Q4 2020/21.</p>

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**1 April 2021**  
**Report 21.103**



**For Decision**

## **SUBMISSIONS ON THE NAVIGATION AND SAFETY BYLAWS REVIEW**

### **Te take mō te pūrongo**

#### **Purpose**

1. To advise the Environment Committee (the Committee) of the process for considering submissions received on proposed amendments to the Wellington Region Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2009.

### **He tūtohu**

#### **Recommendations**

That the Environment Committee:

1. **Notes** that submissions were received on the proposed amendments to the Wellington Region Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2009.
2. **Agrees** to receive and consider late submissions.
3. **Agrees** to hear four submitters, deliberate, and recommend adoption of the amended bylaws at the next Environment Committee meeting on 13 May 2021.

### **Te tāhū kōrero**

#### **Background**

2. The Local Government Act 2002 (the LGA) requires Council to review the Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws every 10 years, to inform the public of proposed amendments to the bylaws, and call for submissions.
3. An internal review found that changes to the 2009 bylaws are required to:
  - a. move towards national consistency with other regional councils
  - b. ensure we are addressing risks raised through our Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code work
  - c. include current practices into the bylaws that are not otherwise documented
  - d. ensure the Bylaws reflect best practice for safety on the water
  - e. incorporate minor editorial changes to clarify the existing Bylaws.
4. In September 2020 the Committee approved the Statement of Proposal for consultation on the proposed changes to the Navigation and Safety Bylaws (Review of the Wellington Region Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2009 (Report 20.312)). Greater Wellington called

for comments and submissions on the proposed amendments by 30 November 2020 through the 'Have your say' platform (Review of the Wellington Region Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2009 (Report 20.312)).

## **Te tātaritanga**

### **Analysis**

5. Greater Wellington received 12 written submissions on the proposed changes to the bylaws.
6. Two submissions, from the Department of Conservation and KiwiRail, were received after the closing time. Officers recommend that these late submissions be accepted and considered by the Committee.
7. Four submitters wish to be heard in support of their submissions.
8. Given the small number of submitters who wish to be heard, it is proposed that the Environment Committee hear these submitters at their next meeting on 13 May 2021 rather than form a subcommittee or schedule a separate hearing.
9. In line with other submission and hearing processes, it is proposed that submitters are allocated five minutes to speak. This time allocation would be the same for individuals and those speaking on behalf of organisation. The five minutes also includes time for the Committee to ask questions.
10. It is proposed that deliberations commence following the hearing of oral presentations.
11. The Committee must consider all written submissions, regardless of whether the submitter spoke to it. The Committee must also consider all of the feedback that was received on the consultation document.

## **Ngā hua ahumoni**

### **Financial implications**

12. There are no financial implications from this report.

## **Ngā tikanga whakatau**

### **Decision-making process**

13. The process for deciding these matters is prescribed explicitly by section 83 of the LGA. That prescribed process is the special consultative procedure.

## **Te hiranga**

### **Significance**

14. Officers considered the significance (as defined by Part 6 of the LGA) of the matters for decision, taking into account Council's *Significance and Engagement Policy*, and Greater Wellington's *Decision Making Guidelines*. Officers consider that the matter of considering the submissions is of low significance due to its administrative nature.

## **Te whakatūtakitaki**

### **Engagement**

15. This report records the outcomes of public consultation, and affirms the process for Council hearing and considering that engagement.

## **Ngā tūāoma e whai ake nei**

### **Next steps**

16. Officers will prepare a summary of submissions and recommended changes to the Bylaws for the next meeting of the Environment Committee.
17. Following the hearing and deliberations, the Committee will need to prepare a report to Council, setting out its recommendations on the adoption of the bylaws.
18. Each person who made a submission or provided feedback and who provided a contact address will, subsequent to Council adopting the bylaws, receive a response outlining Council's decision, and any key changes.
19. A press release will be published, outlining Council's decisions and any key changes, and be made available on Greater Wellington's website.

## **Ngā kaiwaitohu**

### **Signatories**

Writer	Jo Frances – Team Leader, Environmental Regulation
Approvers	Grant Nalder – Harbour Master Al Cross – General Manager, Environment

<p><b>He whakarāpopoto i ngā huritaonga</b>  <b>Summary of considerations</b></p>
<p><b><i>Fit with Council's roles or with Committee's terms of reference</i></b></p> <p>The purpose of the Environment Committee is to oversee the development, implementation and review of ... maritime navigation and safety strategies, policies and plans. This report is part of the required process to review and make changes to the maritime navigation and safety bylaws.</p>
<p><b><i>Implications for Māori</i></b></p> <p>There are no implications that relate specifically to Māori.</p>
<p><b><i>Contribution to Annual Plan / Long Term Plan / Other key strategies and policies</i></b></p> <p>The Bylaws are a primary control to meet the aims of the Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code.</p>
<p><b><i>Internal consultation</i></b></p> <p>This report was prepared in consultation with the Democratic Services department.</p>
<p><b><i>Risks and impacts - legal / health and safety etc.</i></b></p> <p>After seeking submissions, these need to be considered as part of the review and change process for the Bylaws.</p>