

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on 9 December 2021

All members participating remotely at 9.31 am.

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor van Lier (until 9.36am, from 10.38am)

All members participated at this meeting remotely, and counted for the purpose of quorum, as per clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Nash

That the Council accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Gaylor.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

Councillor van Lier declared a conflict of interest with regard to agenda item 7 – Plan Changes 2022: Progress update approach for the Regional Policy Statement change and Natural Resources Plan changes – Report 21.516.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 28 October 2021 - Report 21.507

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Brash

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 28 October 2021 - Report 21.507.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 28 October 2021 - Report 21.508

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Hughes

That the Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 28 October 2021 - Report 21.508.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Update on the progress of action items from previous Council meetings – December 2021 – Report 21.580 [For Information]

Samantha Gain, General Manager, Corporate Services, spoke to the report.

Councillor van Lier left the meeting at 9.36am, the conclusion of the above agenda item.

Strategy, policy or major issues

7 Plan Changes 2022: Progress update approach for the Regional Policy Statement change and Natural Resources Plan changes – Report 21.516

Miranda Cross, Team Leader, Policy Development; Irene Clark, Senior Advisor, Environment Policy; Jo Frances, Senior Advisor, Environment Policy; and Rachel Pawson, Senior Policy Advisor, Environment Policy, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Brash

That the Council:

1 Notes that:

a Matters related to changes to the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region, whilst within the scope of the Terms of Reference for

the Environment Committee, will be reported to Council alongside the Natural Resources Plan Changes in the interests of efficiency and transparency due to the interrelated nature of the processes.

- b Officers will continue to progress plan changes on the basis of reporting that has gone to Environment Committee in 2021 and work that has occurred with the Councillor Working Group in 2021.
- 2 Agrees to the guiding approach for the Regional Policy Statement and Natural Resources Plan Changes:
- a Regional Policy Statement Change 1, consistent with the Wellington Regional Growth Framework, to integrate climate change, indigenous biodiversity, and freshwater as a frame, and to describe how that frame will direct urban development.
 - b Natural Resources Plan Change 1 to work through the National Objectives Framework (NOF) set out in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020, drawing heavily on the documents produced by the Whaitua process to provide values, environmental outcomes, and target attribute states for plan provisions.
- 3 Agrees to the initial scope of each workstream proposed in Regional Policy Statement Change 1 and Natural Resources Plan Changes 1 to 3, as set out in the report to the Environment Committee - Plan Changes 2022 Scopes and Forward Work Programme - Report 21.340.
- 4 Endorses the establishment of a Plan Changes 2022 Working Group to work with officers in review of plan changes research, development of options and approach, in support of reporting to Committee or Council meetings.
- 5 Endorses the membership of the Plan Changes 2022 Working Group as Councillors Blakeley, Brash, Connelly, Gaylor, Lee, Nash, and Staples.

The motion was carried.

Councillor van Lier returned to the meeting at 10.18am, at the conclusion of the above agenda item.

8 Insertion of housing bottom lines into the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region – Report 21.540

Fleur Matthews, Team Leader, Policy Implementation, Environment Policy, and Richard Sheild, Senior Policy Advisor, Environment Policy, spoke to the report.

After questions from Councillors, Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, advised that he was withdrawing the report, and that an updated report would be submitted for consideration at the Council meeting on 24 February 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 10.38am and resumed at 10.52am.

9 Response to the receipt of the Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Implementation Programme and Te Mahere Wai o Te Kahui Taiaio – Report 21.526

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Connelly

That the Council:

- 1 Requests that the Council Chair writes to Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika and Ngāti Toa Rangatira, acknowledging the significance of Te Mahere Wai and inviting them to collaborate with Greater Wellington in the Regional Policy Statement and Natural Resources Plan Change Processes for Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua Implementation Programme /Te Mahere Wai.
- 2 Requests Officers to undertake a more detailed review and analyses of Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua Implementation Programme and Te Mahere Wai to identify deliverables, priorities, and responsibilities.
- 3 Notes that Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua Implementation Programme and Te Mahere Wai, once implemented through the Plan Change and Whaitua Operational Implementation Programmes, will give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM 2020) and Mana o Te Wai.
- 4 Notes the magnitude and scale of the delivery and likely implications for future funding decisions and the Long Term/Annual plan cycles.
- 5 Notes that appropriate governance structures are essential to implementing both Te Whanganui-a-Tara WIP and Te Mahere Wai; and will need to help set priorities for delivery through the Whaitua Operational Implementation programme.
- 6 Notes that Greater Wellington will work collaboratively with district and city councils to implement the Whaitua Implementation Programmes through the respective district plan processes.

The motion was **carried**.

10 Updating Park names – Report 21.232

Luke Troy, General Manager, Strategy, and Fiona Colquhoun, Parks Planner spoke to the and tabled updated recommendations.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Connelly

That the Council:

- 1 Approves the name of Wainuiomata Regional Park (renamed from Wainuiomata Recreation Area).
- 2 Authorises the publication of a notice in the Gazette for the purpose of legal public notification of the Council decision on the Wainuiomata Regional Park.
- 3 Notes that officers will report to Council on the renaming of the Akatarawa Forest Park and Pakuratahi Forest Park after receiving advice from mana whenua.

- 4 Notes that officers will work with mana whenua on the appropriate recognition of name changes.

The motion was **carried**.

11 Report of the Environment Committee on the proposed new stock grazing licence at Baring Head/Orua-Pouanui, East Harbour Regional Park – Report 21.575

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Staples

That the Council:

- 1 Agrees to the issuance of a commercial stock grazing licence for Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui, for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 January 2023, incorporating the following provisions:
- 2 The provisions set out in Option 1 (paragraph 25 of Report 21.563), including that the licence provisions are designed to protect the nationally endangered banded dotterel nesting areas on the south coast area of the park.
- 3 That the licence includes a condition limiting the use of fertiliser to a 5 hectare area of Wainuiomata River flats, avoiding the riparian zones of the river and its overflow formed drainage areas.
- 4 That the licence specifies that the use of agri-chemicals is not permitted.
- 5 Agrees that practices, as outlined in Option 2 of Report 21.563, to increase threat management for fire, weeds and pest animals, required for restoration of native vegetation, will commence during the term of the approved grazing license.
- 6 Agrees that the discontinuation of stock grazing licences, at the conclusion of this licence, will be the Council's strategic approach.
- 7 Notes that the Reclotting Papatūānuku/Parks Restoration plan currently in development, will provide directions for future restoration at Baring Head in support of Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 (Toitū Te Whenua) directions.

The motion was **carried**.

12 Proposed New Commercial Stock Grazing Licence at Baring Head/Ōrua-Pouanui, East Harbour Regional Park – Report 21.542

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Lee

That the Council:

- 1 Notes that the new commercial stock grazing licence will be drafted to incorporate the necessary requirements of:
 - a Section 74 of the Reserves Act 1977
 - b The decisions made by Council on the recommendations outlined in the Report of the Environment Committee on the proposed new stock grazing licence at Baring Head/Ōrua-Pouanui, East Harbour Regional Park (Report 21.575)

- c Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30, encompassing advice in the Assessment of Environmental Effects consulted on with the proposal, and the Restricted Activity Assessment recommendations in Report 21.427.
- 2 Authorises the Chief Executive to prepare and sign the new commercial stock grazing licence agreement (made under Section 74 of the Reserves Act), commencing 1 January 2022 and ending on 31 January 2023, with no further extension or right of renewal.

The motion was **carried**.

13 Discontinuing the proposed commercial stock grazing licence at Queen Elizabeth Park – Report 21.520

Moved: Cr Nash / Cr Lamason

That the Council:

- 1 Notes that the primary rationale for a new stock grazing licence was to reduce the risk of fire in Queen Elizabeth Park. However, fire threat management information and advice received subsequently indicates that grazing is not strictly necessary to manage this risk.
- 2 Agrees that it is not appropriate to continue with the licence proposal in its current form and that it be discontinued.
- 3 Agrees that given the discontinuance, consideration of the submissions on the proposed grazing licence is not required.
- 4 Notes the range of alternative threat reduction land management practices outlined in this report.
- 5 Notes that the Reclotting Papatūānuku/Parks Restoration Plan currently in development, and the master planning process (detailed Park specific plan), commencing in July 2023 for Queen Elizabeth Park, will provide directions for facilities supporting recreation and conservation benefits at this park in support of Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-30 (Toitū Te Whenua) directions.

The motion was **carried**.

Governance

14 Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting 11 November 2021 – Report 21.545
[For Information]

Luke Troy, General Manager, Strategy, spoke to the report.

15 Regional Transport Committee meeting 23 November 2021 – Report 21.558 [For Information]

Corporate

16 Statements of Expectations 2022/23 – Report 21.530

Sean Mahoney, Company Portfolio and Economic Development Manager, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Blakeley

That the Council:

- 1 Approves the key themes for the Statements of Expectations
- 2 Delegates to the Council Chair authority to sign off the final Statements of Expectation.

The motion was **carried**.

17 Shareholders Agreement – Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency – Report 21.569

Sean Mahoney, Company Portfolio and Economic Development Manager, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Staples

That the Council:

- 1 Approves entering into the shareholders agreement as contained in Attachment 2.
- 2 Authorises the Chief Executive to make any minor editorial amendments and sign the agreement.
- 3 Notes that the separate funding agreement between Greater Wellington Regional Council and WellingtonNZ provides direction and accountability over the attribution of the regional targeted rate.

The motion was **carried**.

18 Greater Wellington's Quarter One Summary Report 2021/22 – Report 21.561

Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Lamason / Cr Blakeley

That Council accepts Greater Wellington's performance report for the first three months of the 2021/22 financial year, 1 July – 30 September 2021 (Greater Wellington's Quarter One Summary Report as at 30 September 2021) (Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

The public meeting closed at 11.26am.



Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date:

16/12/21