

## **Confirmed Public Excluded minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting on 20 March 2025**

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council | Te Pane  
Matua Taiao  
100 Cuba St, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.33am

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### **Members Present**

Councillor Ponter (Chair)  
Councillor Bassett  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Duthie  
Councillor Gaylor  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand (until 11.04am and from 11.26am)  
Councillor Laban  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Nash  
Councillor Ropata  
Councillor Saw  
Councillor Woolf

### **Public Excluded Business**

#### **1 Entry into Relationship Agreement and Commercial Development Agreement for Te Awa Kairangi (Riverlink) – Report PE25.79**

Lian Butcher, Group Manager Environment, Fiona Abbott, Programme Manager Riverlink, Deborah Kessell-Haak, Head of Legal and Procurement, and Tracy Berghan, Manager Riverlink, spoke to the report.

Two documents - Councillor Update Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) Update 20 March 2025, and Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi Coordinated Delivery Plan - were tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 11.04am and resumed at 11.24am. Councillor Kirk-Burnnand was not present when the meeting resumed.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Connelly

That Council:

- 1 Approves the entry by Greater Wellington into the Relationship Agreement, the Commercial Delivery Agreement and the GW Environment Design Review letter of agreement (Documents).
- 2 Delegates to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairperson of the Council the ability to further negotiate the key outstanding terms of the Documents as follows:
  - a agreement to the immediate 'departures' schedule including appropriate mitigations and cost allocations detailed at paragraph 37 of this report; and
  - b that protective clauses within the Relationship Agreement that require all Parties to act in a balanced and collaborative manner and prevent any Party from being forced to make decisions that would cause them to be in breach of their statutory responsibilities are incorporated by reference into the GW Environmental Design Review Agreement; and
  - c that the GW Environmental Design Review Agreement remains operative throughout the Programme to accommodate later design changes during both detailed design and construction scope change requests; and
  - d the final confirmed figures for the reconciliation at paragraphs 59 to 61 of this report; and
  - e agreement to a departure from the strict requirement in the Coordinated Delivery Programme (Schedule 2 to the Relationship Agreement) in relation to willow extraction and reuse and consequential agreement to a cost share on appropriate commercial terms if Greater Wellington is required to pivot to hard engineering solutions; and
  - f other minor drafting changes to the Relationship Agreement, the CDA and the GW Environmental Design Review Agreement that do not materially impact on the core positions and protections afforded to Greater Wellington as detailed in this report.
- 3 Delegates the signing of the Documents to the Chief Executive provided that the key outstanding terms in part 2 above can be resolved on terms agreeable to Greater Wellington.
- 4 Notes the potential for increased risk to aquifer recharge capacity as a result of gravel extraction.
- 5 Notes the potential risks around a reduction in flood protection standard as a result of the design of the State Highway interchange bridge at Melling and that Greater Wellington has discussed this potential for increased risk with HCC and NZTA prior to finalising these agreements.

- 6 Notes Greater Wellington's mitigations for the risks referred to in parts 4 and 5 above to aquifer recharge capacity and flood protection standards.
- 7 Notes that the reopening of Melling Station is conditional on the City Link Bridge being delivered.
- 8 Requests that the Council Chair writes to the Chair of NZTA regarding issues relating to the old Melling Station building and the most cost-effective way of delivering the new Melling Station.
- 9 Notes the Council's ongoing commitment to advancing active modes of transport along the river corridor.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand returned to the meeting at 11.26am, during the above item.

### **Karakia whakamutunga**

The Council Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The Public Excluded part of the meeting closed at 11.43am.



Councillor D Ponter

**Chair**

Date: 10 April 2025

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