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Report 25.132

Public 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 9.30am

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Woolf

Karakia timatanga

The Council Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Gaylor

That the Council accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Staples, and the apology for lateness from Councillor Saw.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

Resolution to exclude the public

4 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 25.120

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Gaylor

- 1 That the Council excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Entry into Relationship Agreement and Commercial Development Agreement for Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) – Report PE25.79

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific ground/s under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Entry into Relationship Agreement and Commercial Development Agreement for Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) – PE25.79	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>Certain information contained in this report relates to Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) Project legal advice, commercial information and costs. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability of Greater Wellington to carry on negotiations without prejudice (section 7(2)(i)).</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(i) of the Act to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.</p>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Act and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

- 2 That Council permits Wayne O'Donnell, former Programme Director, to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge of the matters under consideration for the Entry into Relationship Agreement and Commercial Development Agreement for Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) report. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to this matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of his knowledge of the RiverLink programme and partner relationships.
- 3 That Council permits Mathew Brown, Partner, Bell Gully, to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge of the matters under consideration for the Entry into Relationship Agreement and Commercial Development Agreement for Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) report. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to this matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of his knowledge of the original agreements and the drafting of the new agreements, and the legal risks associated with the Agreements.

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 9.33am.

Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date: