Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Council meeting on 29 October 2026.

Report 26.446

Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 1 October 2026

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba St, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am.

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Connelly (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Elder
Councillor Free
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Hart
Councillor James
Councillor Johnstone
Councillor Rhodes (from 11.13am)
Councillor Saw
Councillor Tupou
Councillor Woolf

Councillor Free and Councillor Rhodes participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25A of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Council Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Tupou

That Council accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Makarini.

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The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

Jeremy Prebble, Ōwhiro Bay Residents Association, spoke to agenda item 5 – Initial business case for a southern satellite depot for Unit 22.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 3 September 2026 - Report 26.407

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Duthie

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting of 3 September 2026 - Report 26.407.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Initial business case for a southern satellite depot for Unit 22 – Report 26.382

Hamish Burns, Principal Advisor, and Kevin Forward, Programme Director, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Duthie

That Council:

1 Notes the strategic requirement for a fit-for-purpose, secure and sustainable long-term bus depot solution supporting future Unit 22 operations.

2 Notes the findings of the Initial Business Case, including the relative performance of the options assessed against the investment objectives and assessment criteria.

3 Approves progression to the Detailed Business Case stage to enable development of the Economic, Financial, Commercial and Management Cases, and further development and assessment of the options identified through the Initial Business Case before a preferred investment response is recommended for Council consideration.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillors Elder, Gaylor, Johnstone and Woolf requested that their vote against the motion be recorded.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30am and resumed at 10.46am.

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6 Risk Appetite statements – Report 26.440

Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk, and Jacob Boyes, Head of Corporate Risk and Assurance, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Ponter

That Council approves Greater Wellington's Risk Appetite Statements (Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

7 Councillor appointments – Report 26.410

Moved: Cr Gaylor/ Cr Tupou

That Council:

1 Appoints Cr Hart to the Farming Reference Group.

2 Appoints Cr Hart to the University of Otago Animal Ethics Committee.

3 Revokes the appointment of Cr Makarini to the Lower Ruamāhanga Advisory Group.

4 Appoints Cr Duthie to the Lower Ruamāhanga Advisory Group.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Adoption of the 2027 meeting schedule – Report 26.393

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Duthie

That Council:

1 Adopts the meeting schedule for Council and its committees for the 2027 calendar year, as outlined in Attachment 1.

2 Authorises the Head of Governance and Democracy to circulate the adopted meeting schedule to key stakeholders and to amend the meeting schedule as and when required.

The motion was **carried**.

9 Finance report update - August 2026 – Report 26.445

Ashwin Pai, Head of Finance, spoke to the report.

Councillor Rhodes joined the meeting at 11.13am during the above item.

Resolution to exclude the public

10 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 26.448

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Saw

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

Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 3 September 2026 – Report PE26.411

Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 3 September 2026 – Report RPE26.412

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:

Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 3 September 2026 – Report PE26.411	
Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	*Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution*
These minutes contain information relating to an opportunity to purchase land for public transport purposes. Release of such information would likely to prejudice or disadvantage the ability to carry on negotiations. 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.	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 out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).
Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting of 3 September 2026 – Report RPE26.412	
Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	*Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution*
These minutes contain information on Council's annual review of the Chief Executive's performance and remuneration. Release of this information would prejudice the privacy of the Chief Executive, by disclosing information pertaining to the employment relationship between the Chief Executive and the Council.	The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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Greater Wellington Regional Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the Chief Executive's privacy.	

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.

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 11.18am.

Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date:

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