

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Time: 09:15 am  
Date: Thursday, 4 August 2016  
Venue: Committee Room 1  
Ground Floor, Council Offices  
101 Wakefield Street  
Wellington

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Wade-Brown  
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer  
Councillor Coughlan  
Councillor Eagle  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Free  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Lester  
Councillor Marsh  
Councillor Pannett (Chair)  
Councillor Peck  
Councillor Ritchie  
Councillor Sparrow  
Councillor Woolf  
Councillor Young



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## 1 Meeting Conduct

### 1.1 Apologies

Apology

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free**

Resolved

1. Accept the apologies received from Councillor Peck for departing the meeting early.

Carried

### 1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### 1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

There were no minutes to confirm.

(Councillor Woolf entered the meeting at 09:17 am.)

### 1.4 Public Participation

#### 1.4.1 Heather and Jo Brien from Aro Valley Community Council

Heather and Jo Brien addressed the Environment Committee on the current dog exercise at Pohill Gully on Aro Street.

#### 1.4.2 Sue Wells, Wellington East Girl College

Sue Wells addressed the Environment Committee on Wellington East Girls College application for a license to use a portion of the Wellington Town Belt temporarily.

#### 1.4.3 Geoff Simmons from the Morgan Foundation and Callum Irvine from the NZ Vet Association

Geoff Simmons and Callum Irvine addressed the Environment Committee on microchipping and the national cat management strategy.

#### 1.4.4 Kent Duston

Kent Duston addressed the Environment Committee on a legal opinion from Mai Chen on the cat provisions in the proposed Animal Bylaw.

#### 1.4.5 Lisa Snow and Mary-Ellen Gordon, Wellington Dog Owner Group

Lisa Snow and Mary-Ellen Gordon addressed the Environment Committee on the proposed dog policy and dog exercise areas including Pohill Gully.

#### 1.4.6 Howard Moore

Howard Moore addressed the Environment Committee on the Dog Exercise area on Silverstream Road.

#### 1.4.7 Penny Krieg and Phil Krieg, Loose Leash Dog Owners

Penny and Phil Krieg addressed the Environment Committee on the Dog Exercise area on Silverstream Road.

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### 1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.45 am with the following Councillors present, Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Coughlan, Councillor Eagle, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lee, Councillor Lester, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Peck, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young.

## 2. Policy

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### 2.1 Wellington Consolidated Bylaw Part 2: Animals - Review 2015-2016

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer entered the meeting at 10:45 am.)

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free officers amended recommendations**

#### Recommendations

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the Summary of Submissions (see Attachments 1 and 2).
3. Agree to recommend to Council for approval, the proposed Wellington Consolidated Bylaw Part 2: Animals as attached in Attachment 3.
4. Agree that Part 2: Animals of the Wellington Consolidated Bylaw 2008 remains the most appropriate way of addressing these animal management issues, and that the proposed Animals Bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Dog Control Act 1996.
5. Agree that the proposed Animals Bylaw is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
6. Agree to all proposed changes that have arisen following consultation, excluding section 4: cats, including:
  - a) **Reverting back to the previous definition of nuisance**
  - b) Ban roosters in urban areas, unless permission is granted
  - c) Banning the feeding of all animals, excluding dogs, in public places.
7. **Note that the proposed bylaw requires permission from the Council to keep more than 8 chickens (or other poultry) in an urban area.**
8. Agree that the proposed "Animal Policy" and other media could set out further guidelines around bee management whilst ensuring our status as a bee friendly city.
9. Note that the Environment Committee on 17 March 2016 directed officers to develop an Animal Policy to support the Bylaw and guide operations and that issues raised by submitters will be considered as part of the process to develop

the new policy.

*Regulating the ownership of cats*

10. **Approves in principle that all cat related recommendations are subject to funding being allocated the Council's 2017/18 Annual Plan processes.**
11. **Note the financial and operational implications of including cat management in the Bylaw as the regulation will not be effective unless funding and resources are allocated towards implementation.**
12. Agree to amend Part 4: cats of the Bylaw to have a transition period, via a caveat clause, before it is implemented. This transition period will finish 18 months after Council adopts the Bylaw or after the completion of the Animals Policy (whichever comes first).
13. Agree to address the issues of ownership of multiple cats through the Animal Policy and education.
14. Agree to amend the proposed Animal Bylaw following consultation, to have the bylaw state that cats must be identified as owned (through either a collar or a microchip), and also have the bylaw recommend microchipping.
15. Agree that the Council should use non-regulatory options to increase the numbers of cats that are microchipped, subject to funding being designated in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan.
16. Note that officers will:
  - a) Raise with the Government the need for national guidance and regulation on the role of territorial authorities in the management of domestic and stray cats.
  - b) Work with the SPCA, vets, and other cat welfare agencies to use non-regulatory options to promote the de-sexing of cats.
  - c) Investigate and report back on other non-regulatory options to encourage responsible ownership of cats in wildlife sensitive areas as part of the development of an Animals Policy.
  - d) Investigate and if necessary, request additional funding in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan to implement non-regulatory methods and operational costs associated with cat management. This may include:
    - i. Operational costs and resources associated with cat management,
    - ii. Subsidised microchipping,
    - iii. Cat de-sexing programmes,
    - iv. An education programme and other non-regulatory options to encourage responsible cat ownership.
17. **Agree to delegate to the Chair of the Environment Committee and the Chief Executive the authority to amend the proposed Wellington Consolidated Bylaw Part 2: Animals to include any amendments made by this Committee at this meeting, and any minor consequential edits, prior to it being presented to the Council.**

(Councillor Peck left the meeting at 11:31 am.)

Moved Councillor Woolf, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the following amendments:  
That the Environment Committee:

**New 14**

14. Agree that all domestic cats over the age of 12 weeks must be microchipped and registered with New Zealand Companion Animal Register, or other Council approved microchip register

**Amended 15**

15. Agree that the Council in addition should use non-regulatory options to support the **compulsory microchipping of cats**, subject to funding being designated in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Mayor Wade-Brown  
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer  
Councillor Eagle  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Free  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Lester  
Councillor Marsh  
Councillor Pannett (Chair)  
Councillor Sparrow  
Councillor Woolf

**Against:**

Councillor Coughlan  
Councillor Ritchie  
Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 11:3

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am to allow time for officers to clarify Councillor amendments.

The meeting was reconvened 11:42 am with the following Councillors present: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Councillor Coughlan, Councillor Eagle, Councillor Foster, Councillor Free, Councillor Lee, Councillor Lester, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young.

**Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Sparrow** the following amendments:  
That the Environment Committee:

**New 19**

19. That the bylaw include the requirement to seek Council's permission to have more than three cats over 6 months old on a property or more than one cat over 6 months old in a wildlife sensitive area, with that requirement suspended until and if given approval through the Animal Policy.

**Amended 8, 13 and 16**

8. Agree that the proposed "Animal Policy" and other media could set out further guidelines around bee management **to ensure Wellington is a bee friendly city while allowing for any management issues to be addressed**



13. Agree to further address the issues of ownership of multiple cats and cats in wildlife sensitive areas through the Animal Policy and education.
16. Note that ~~officers~~ Council will:
- a) Raise with the Government the need for national guidance and regulation on the role of territorial authorities in the management of domestic and stray cats.
  - b) Work with the Wellington SPCA, vets, and other cat welfare agencies to use non-regulatory options to promote the de-sexing of cats.
  - c) Investigate and report back on ~~other non-regulatory~~ options to encourage responsible ownership of cats in wildlife sensitive areas as part of the development of an Animals Policy.
  - d) Investigate and if necessary, request additional funding in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan to implement non-regulatory methods and operational costs associated with cat management. This may include:
    - i. Operational costs and resources associated with cat management,
    - ii. Subsidised microchipping,
    - iii. Cat de-sexing programmes,
    - iv. An education programme and other non-regulatory options to encourage responsible cat ownership.

**New 17.**

- 17. Request Officers to approach Greater Wellington Regional Council to commence work with them in the review of the Regional Pest Management Strategy.**

Secretarial Note: with leave of the meeting, new 19 was withdrawn.

**~~New 19~~**

- ~~19 — That the bylaw include the requirement to seek Council's permission to have more than three cats over 6 months old on a property or more than one cat over 6 months old in a wildlife sensitive area, with that requirement suspended until and if given approval through the Animal Policy.~~

**Carried**

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Councillor Coughlan  
Councillor Eagle  
Councillor Foster  
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Councillor Lee  
Councillor Lester  
Councillor Marsh  
Councillor Pannett (Chair)  
Councillor Sparrow  
Councillor Woolf

**Against:**

Councillor Ritchie  
Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 12:2

**Carried**

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**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free the substantive motion:**

**Recommendations**

That the Environment Committee:

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4. Agree that Part 2: Animals of the Wellington Consolidated Bylaw 2008 remains the most appropriate way of addressing these animal management issues, and that the proposed Animals Bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Dog Control Act 1996.
5. Agree that the proposed Animals Bylaw is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
6. Agree to all proposed changes that have arisen following consultation, excluding section 4: cats, including:
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7. Note that the proposed bylaw requires permission from the Council to keep more than 8 chickens (or other poultry) in an urban area.
8. Agree that the proposed "Animal Policy" and other media could set out further guidelines around bee management to ensure Wellington is a bee friendly city while allowing for any management issues to be addressed
9. Note that the Environment Committee on 17 March 2016 directed officers to develop an Animal Policy to support the Bylaw and guide operations and that issues raised by submitters will be considered as part of the process to develop the new policy.

*Regulating the ownership of cats*

10. Approves in principle that all cat related recommendations are subject to funding being allocated the Council's 2017/18 Annual Plan processes.
11. Note the financial and operational implications of including cat management in the Bylaw as the regulation will not be effective unless funding and resources are allocated towards implementation.
12. Agree to amend Part 4: cats of the Bylaw to have a transition period, via a caveat clause, before it is implemented. This transition period will finish 18 months after Council adopts the Bylaw or after the completion of the Animals Policy (whichever comes first).
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18. Agree to delegate to the Chair of the Environment Committee and the Chief Executive the authority to amend the proposed Wellington Consolidated Bylaw Part 2: Animals to include any amendments made by this Committee at this meeting, and any minor consequential edits, prior to it being presented to the Council.

**Carried**

Secretarial note: Recommendation 14 and 15 were taken separately.

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Councillor Ahipene-Mercer  
Councillor Eagle  
Councillor Foster  
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Majority Vote: 11:3

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Councillor Marsh  
Councillor Pannett (Chair)  
Councillor Sparrow  
Councillor Woolf

**Against:**

Councillor Coughlan  
Councillor Ritchie  
Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 11:3

Carried

Secretarial note: For clarity, the following motion is the complete carried substantive motion for report 2.1.

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free the substantive motion:**

**Recommendations**

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  - c) Investigate and report back on options to encourage responsible ownership of cats in wildlife sensitive areas as part of the development of an Animals Policy.

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- 17 Request Officers to approach Greater Wellington Regional Council to commence work with them in the review of the Regional Pest Management Strategy.
- 18. Agree to delegate to the Chair of the Environment Committee and the Chief Executive the authority to amend the proposed Wellington Consolidated Bylaw Part 2: Animals to include any amendments made by this Committee at this meeting, and any minor consequential edits, prior to it being presented to the Council.

## 2.2 Dog Policy: Review 2015-2016

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster, the officers amended recommendations:**

That the Environment Committee:

### Recommendations

That the Environment Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Note the Summary of Submissions (see Attachments 1, 2, and 3).
- 3. Agree to recommend to Council that it adopts the proposed Dog Policy appended as Attachment 4.
- 4. Agree to all proposed changes that have arisen following consultation including:
  - a) The Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) criteria on fencing are changed to include apartments and sections that are contained but not necessarily fenced.
  - b) Remove the graph on revenue and expenditure from the Dog Policy, and replace it with "*a breakdown of income, expenditure and activities in the Council annual dog control report*".
- 5. Agree to amend the proposed Dog Policy following consultation, to:
  - a) Restrict central city area access to leashed dogs to either:
    - i. Allow dogs to enter the central city area and stop with their owner, but not leave their dog unattended (recommended), or
    - ii. Remain as the status quo: dogs on leash are prohibited from stopping in central city.

- b) Establish the policy position on unattended dogs (outside the central city area) to be:
    - i. That it is prohibited to leave dogs unattended in a public place, or
    - ii. That it is prohibited to leave dogs unattended in a public place for more than 10 minutes, or
    - iii. Impose no restrictions on leaving dogs unattended in a public place (recommended).
  - c) Having evidence of dog obedience training by a recognised training school as a requirement for Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status.
6. Direct officers to:
- a) Investigate whether allowing proof of a past inspection (within a reasonably recent timeframe) by Wellington SPCA or other organisation when dog owners are applying for Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status would meet the RDO criteria.
  - b) Develop a communication strategy and plan to support the policy.
  - c) Submit projects for consideration in the 2017/2018 annual plan, including:
    - i. Options to provide for increased enforcement; and
    - ii. An educational campaign including factors such as dog safety and owner responsibility which encourages positive and safe interaction between dogs and the public.
    - iii. Investigate and provide feedback to Council in time for the development of the next Annual Plan on whether dog owners can be provided with more resources within Wellington such as drinking fountains for dogs, dog faeces bag dispensers and additional bins to encourage disposal of dog faeces.
  - d) Request officers to discuss with Greater Wellington Regional Council whether it would be possible for them to investigate the possibility of allowing dogs on public transport.
7. Note that:
- a) Officers strongly oppose using City Hosts and Parking Wardens to enforce dog regulations.
  - b) Officers advise that no new regulations are proposed for professional dog walkers and other dog businesses.
  - c) The advice provided on the financial and funding implications of increasing the number of dog owners with Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status.
  - d) **Agree to investigate the implications of increasing the number of dog owners with the Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status by 15% over the next three years and report back in time for the Annual Plan.**
8. **Agree to delegate to the Chair of the Environment Committee and the Chief Executive the authority to amend the proposed Dog Policy to include any amendments made by this Committee at this meeting, and any minor consequential edits, prior to it being presented to Council**



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**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Lester**, the following amendment:  
That the Environment Committee:

**New 6e) and 6f)**

- 6e) Investigate and report back to Council on whether or not there are areas within Wellington where dogs can be exercised off lead on track, and undertake consultation if necessary**
- 6f) Investigate with the Wellington SPCA the possibility of a dog exercise area next to their premises.**

Carried

Secretarial Note: 6a(i) and 6b(i) from the substantive motion were taken separately.

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster**, the substantive motion:  
That the Environment Committee:

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- 5. Agree to amend the proposed Dog Policy following consultation, to:
  - a) **Restrict central city area access to leashed dogs to either:**
    - i. **Allow dogs to enter the central city area and stop with their owner, but not leave their dog unattended (recommended)**
    - ii. ~~Remain as the status quo: dogs on leash are prohibited from stopping in central city.~~

Carried

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster**, the substantive motion:  
That the Environment Committee:

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- 5. Agree to amend the proposed Dog Policy following consultation, to:
  - b) **Establish the policy position on unattended dogs (outside the central city area) to be:**
    - i. **That it is prohibited to leave dogs unattended in a public place**
    - ii. ~~That it is prohibited to leave dogs unattended in a public place for more than 10 minutes, or~~
    - iii. ~~Impose no restrictions on leaving dogs unattended in a public place (recommended).~~

Carried



**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster**, the substantive motion:  
That the Environment Committee:

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That the Environment Committee:

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2. Note the Summary of Submissions (see Attachments 1, 2, and 3).
3. Agree to recommend to Council that it adopts the proposed Dog Policy appended as Attachment 4.
4. Agree to all proposed changes that have arisen following consultation including:
  - a) The Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) criteria on fencing are changed to include apartments and sections that are contained but not necessarily fenced.
  - b) Remove the graph on revenue and expenditure from the Dog Policy, and replace it with “*a breakdown of income, expenditure and activities in the Council annual dog control report*”.
5. Agree to amend the proposed Dog Policy following consultation, to:
  - a) Restrict central city area access to leashed dogs to either:
    - i. Allow dogs to enter the central city area and stop with their owner, but not leave their dog unattended, or
  - b) Establish the policy position on unattended dogs (outside the central city area) to be:
    - i. That it is prohibited to leave dogs unattended in a public place, or
  - c) Having evidence of dog obedience training by a recognised training school as a requirement for RDO status.
6. Direct officers to:
  - a) Investigate whether allowing proof of a past inspection (within a reasonably recent timeframe) by Wellington SPCA or other organisation when dog owners are applying for RDO status would meet the RDO criteria.
  - b) Develop a communication strategy and plan to support the policy.
  - c) Submit projects for consideration in the 2017/2018 annual plan, including:
    - i. Options to provide for increased enforcement; and
    - ii. An educational campaign including factors such as dog safety and owner responsibility which encourages positive and safe interaction between dogs and the public.
    - iii. Investigate and provide feedback to Council in time for the development of the next Annual Plan on whether dog owners can be provided with more resources within Wellington such as drinking fountains for dogs, dog faeces bag dispensers and additional bins to encourage disposal of dog faeces.
  - d) Request officers to discuss with Greater Wellington Regional Council whether it would be possible for them to investigate the possibility of allowing dogs on public transport.

- e) Investigate and report back to Council on whether or not there are areas within Wellington where dogs can be exercised off lead on track, and undertake consultation if necessary.
  - f) Investigate with the Wellington SPCA the possibility of a dog exercise area next to their premises.
7. Note that:
- a) Officers strongly oppose using City Hosts and Parking Wardens to enforce dog regulations.
  - b) Officers advise that no new regulations are proposed for professional dog walkers and other dog businesses.
  - c) The advice provided on the financial and funding implications of increasing the number of dog owners with Responsible Dog Owner status.
  - d) Agree to investigate the implications of increasing the number of dog owners with the RDO status by 15% over the next three years and report back in time for the Annual Plan.
8. Agree to delegate to the Chair of the Environment Committee and the Chief Executive the authority to amend the proposed Dog Policy to include any amendments made by this Committee at this meeting, and any minor consequential edits, prior to it being presented to Council

Carried

The meeting adjourned to reconvene at the conclusion of the Regulatory Processes Committee at 1.30 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1.31 pm with the following Councillors present: Councillor Pannett, Councillor Lee, Councillor Free, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Ritchie, Councillor Lester, Councillor Coughlan, Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, Mayor Wade-Brown, and Councillor Woolf.

(Councillor Young returned to the meeting at 01:32 pm.)  
(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 01:32 pm.)

### **2.3 Dog Policy: exercise areas and designated public places - review 2015-2016**

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 01:40 pm.)  
(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 01:42 pm.)

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster officers amended recommendations:**

#### **Recommendations**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the Summary of Submissions (see Attachments 1 and 2).
3. Agree to recommend that the Council adopt the Dog Policy: Appendix A (Attachment 3) which details:

- a) **Table One: Exercise areas**
  - b) **Table Two: Beach exercise areas**
  - c) **Table Three: Exercise areas (specified times)**
  - d) **Table Four: Beach areas restricted during summer**
  - e) **Table Five: Prohibited Public Place**
  - f) **Table Six: Prohibited Public Places (specified times).**
4. Agree to recommend to Council that it adopts Dog Policy: Appendix B – maps of all exercise areas (Attachment 4) with the exceptions of the following exercise areas
- a) **Old Mitchelltown School site**
  - b) **Liardet and Balfour Street corner site**
  - c) **Kaiwharawhara Park**
5. Note the recommended changes to Ngaio area are:
- a) Cummings Park is retained as an off-leash area with some improvements to reduce tension with other park users;
  - b) Chelmsford Reserve is retained as an off-leash area with some improvements to reduce tension with other park users;
  - c) Treslissick Park is retained as an off-leash area; and
  - d) That Silverstream Road reserve remain an off leash area
  - e) **Note that the Ngaio – Crofton Downs community is currently working on a comprehensive vision for Cummings Park and that further discussion around these four areas will be had with Council after the current community-led consultation is completed. As part of that discussion, appropriate mechanisms for making a decision will be examined if it is decided that any changes are needed.**
6. Agree that either dog off-leash tracks will continue to be assessed on a case by case basis.
7. Direct officers to:
- a) Investigate and if necessary, request additional funding in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan for:
    - i) Partial fencing at some exercise areas;
    - ii) Improved signage at all exercise areas;
    - iii) Improve general facilities at popular exercise areas, such as lighting, seating and bins; and
    - iv) Agility equipment at some exercise areas.
  - b) If necessary, investigate and report back on potential locations for off-leash tracks.
  - c) Develop a communication strategy and plan to support the policy and changes to designated public places.
8. Agree to delegate to the Chair of the Environment Committee and the Chief Executive the authority to amend the proposed Dog Policy to include any

amendments made by this Committee at this meeting, and any minor consequential edits, prior to it being presented to Council.

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Lee**, the following amendment:  
That the Environment Committee:

**New 7 d)**

- 7d) Assess in 18 months' time whether allowing greater access to dogs on beaches is having any negative impacts on wildlife and report back to the relevant committee.

Carried

**Moved Councillor Marsh, seconded Councillor Young**, the following amendments:  
That the Environment Committee:

**New 3a(i)**

3. Agree to recommend that the Council adopt the Dog Policy: Appendix A (Attachment 3) which details:
- a) Table One: Exercise area
    - (i) Agree to remove Oriental Bay Beach (not including Freyberg Beach) from Table One (Prohibited Public Spaces).**

**New 3b(i)**

3. Agree to recommend that the Council adopt the Dog Policy: Appendix A (Attachment 3) which details:
- b) Table Two: Beach exercise areas
    - (i) Agree to include Oriental Bay Beach into Table Six (Prohibited Public Spaces (Specified Times) as a specified winter off leash area from 1<sup>st</sup> April-30<sup>th</sup> October.**

**New 7a(v)**

- 7a) Investigate and if necessary, request additional funding in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan for:
- (v) City Host and Parking Wardens acting in their role of City Ambassadors to positively encourage dog owners to be aware of changes in the Wellington City Council Dog Policy. Note this is not foreseen to be an enforcement role.**

Carried

**Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer**, the following amendment:

That the Environment Committee:

**New 3e) (i)**

3. Agree to recommend that the Council adopt the Dog Policy: Appendix A (Attachment 3) which details:
- e) Table Six: Prohibited Public Places (specified times)
    - (i) That dogs are allowed to walk on leash along the formed**

**coastal track between Palmer Head and Moa Point.**

**Carried**

**Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Sparrow, the following amendment:**  
That the Environment Committee:

**New 4d)**

4. Agree to recommend to Council that it adopts Dog Policy: Appendix B – maps of all exercise areas (Attachment 4) with the exceptions of the following exercise areas:
  - d) **Agree to remove the track from the carpark to the Valley Floor at Seaton Nossiter Park as an off leash area.**

**Carried**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster substantive motion**

**Recommendations**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the Summary of Submissions (see Attachments 1 and 2).
3. Agree to recommend that the Council adopt the Dog Policy: Appendix A (Attachment 3) which details:
  - a) Table One: Exercise area
    - (i) Agree to remove Oriental Bay Beach (not including Freyberg Beach) from table one (Prohibited Public Spaces).
  - b) Table Two: Beach exercise areas
    - (i) Agree to include Oriental Bay Beach into Table Six (Prohibited Public Spaces (Specified Times) as a specified winter off leash area from 1<sup>st</sup> April- 30<sup>th</sup> October.
  - c) Table Three: Exercise areas (specified times)
  - d) Table Four: Beach areas restricted during summer
  - e) Table Five: Prohibited Public Place
    - (i) Agree to include in Table Five that dogs are allowed to walk on leash along the formed coastal track between Palmer Head and Moa Point.
  - f) Table Six: Prohibited Public Places (specified times).
4. Agree to recommend to Council that it adopts Dog Policy: Appendix B – maps of all exercise areas (Attachment 4) with the exceptions of the following exercise areas:
  - b) Liardet and Balfour Street corner site
  - c) Kaiwharawhara Park
  - d) Agree to remove the track from the carpark to the Valley Floor at Seaton Nossiter Park as an off leash area.
5. Note the recommended changes to Ngaio area are:

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- a) Cummings Park is retained as an off-leash area with some improvements to reduce tension with other park users;
  - b) Chelmsford Reserve is retained as an off-leash area with some improvements to reduce tension with other park users;
  - c) Treslissick Park is retained as an off-leash area; and
  - d) That Silverstream Road reserve remain an off leash area
  - e) Note that the Ngaio – Crofton Downs community is currently working on a comprehensive vision for Cummings Park and that further discussion around these four areas will be had with Council after the current community-led consultation is completed. As part of that discussion, appropriate mechanisms for making a decision will be examined if it is decided that any changes are needed.
6. Agree that either dog off-leash tracks will continue to be assessed on a case by case basis.
7. Direct officers to:
- a) Investigate and if necessary, request additional funding in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan for:
    - i) Partial fencing at some exercise areas;
    - ii) Improved signage at all exercise areas;
    - iii) Improve general facilities at popular exercise areas, such as lighting, seating and bins; and
    - iv) Agility equipment at some exercise areas.
    - v) City Host and Parking Wardens acting in their role of City Ambassadors to positively encourage dog owners to be aware of changes in the Wellington City Council Dog Policy. Note this is not foreseen to be an enforcement role.
  - b) If necessary, investigate and report back on potential locations for off-leash tracks.
  - c) Develop a communication strategy and plan to support the policy and changes to designated public places.
  - d) Assess in 18 months' time whether allowing greater access to dogs on beaches is having any negative impacts on wildlife and report back to the relevant committee.
8. Agree to delegate to the Chair of the Environment Committee and the Chief Executive the authority to amend the proposed Dog Policy to include any amendments made by this Committee at this meeting, and any minor consequential edits, prior to it being presented to Council.

**Carried**

Secretarial Note: Recommendation 4a) was taken separately.

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster substantive motion**

That the Environment Committee:

4. Agree to recommend to Council that it adopts Dog Policy: Appendix B – maps of all exercise areas (Attachment 4) with the exceptions of the following exercise areas:
  - a) Old Mitchelltown School site

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Mayor Wade-Brown  
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer  
Councillor Coughlan  
Councillor Free  
Councillor Lester  
Councillor Marsh  
Councillor Pannett (Chair)  
Councillor Ritchie  
Councillor Sparrow  
Councillor Woolf  
Councillor Young

**Against:**

Councillor Foster  
Councillor Lee

Majority Vote: 11:2

**Carried**

Secretarial note: For clarity the following motion is the complete carried substantive motion for report 2.3.

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Foster substantive motion**

**Recommendations**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the Summary of Submissions (see Attachments 1 and 2).
3. Agree to recommend that the Council adopt the Dog Policy: Appendix A (Attachment 3) which details:
  - a) Table One: Exercise area
    - (i) Agree to remove Oriental Bay Beach (not including Freyberg Beach) from table one (Prohibited Public Spaces).
  - b) Table Two: Beach exercise areas
    - (i) Agree to include Oriental Bay Beach into Table Six (Prohibited Public Spaces (Specified Times) as a specified winter off leash area from 1<sup>st</sup> April-30<sup>th</sup> October.
  - c) Table three: Exercise areas (specified times)
  - d) Table four: Beach areas restricted during summer
  - e) Table five: Prohibited Public Place



- (i) Agree to include in table 5 that dogs are allowed to walk on leash along the formed coastal track between Palmer Head and Moa Point.
  - f) Table six: Prohibited Public Places (specified times).
- 4. Agree to recommend to Council that it adopts Dog Policy: Appendix B – maps of all exercise areas (Attachment 4) with the exceptions of the following exercise areas:
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d) Assess in 18 months' time whether allowing greater access to dogs on beaches is having any negative impacts on wildlife and report back to the relevant committee.

8. Agree to delegate to the Chair of the Environment Committee and the Chief Executive the authority to amend the proposed Dog Policy to include any amendments made by this Committee at this meeting, and any minor consequential edits, prior to it being presented to Council.

(Mayor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 02:02 pm.)

## **2.4 Update of the Terms and Conditions of the Waste Bylaw 2008**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Free**

### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve the updated Terms and Conditions as detailed in attachment one of this report.
3. Recommend to Council that it adopt the Terms and Conditions as detailed in attachment one of this report and that it revoke any previous Terms and Conditions.
4. Agree the date these Terms and Conditions come into force is the day after the date the Council resolves to adopt the Terms and Conditions.
5. Note that containers (bags and bins) need to be out before 8am in suburban areas and containers shall be out after 5pm.

**Carried**

The chair announced that with the leave of the meeting that the meeting should deal with item 3.1 before item 2.5.

## **3. Operational**

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(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 02:12 pm.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 02:14 pm.)

### **3.1 Access licence over Wellington Town Belt to Wellington East Girls College (Ellice Street)**

**Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pannett**

### **Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receives the information.

2. Agrees to grant a new fixed term access licence to Wellington East Girls College under section 17 of the Wellington Town Belt Act 2016 (subject to the usual terms and conditions noted below).
3. Notes that any approval to grant the licence (referred to above) is conditional on:
  - (a) Appropriate iwi consultation
  - (b) Public notification under section 16 Wellington Town Belt Act 2016
  - (c) No sustained objections resulting from the above consultation and notification; and
  - (d) Legal and advertising costs being met by the respective licensee along with driveway upgrade and necessary tree pruning to make safe and signage.

**Carried**

## **2.5 Environmental Reference Group Annual Report 2015**

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Marsh**

**Resolved**

That the Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the work and achievements of the Environmental Reference Group in the period January 2015 to December 2015.

**Carried**

The meeting concluded at 2.29 pm.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair