
MINUTES

THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2012

9.22AM – 10.08AM
10.57AM – 11.02AM
1.20PM – 2.53PM
3.05PM – 3.45PM

Committee Room One
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield St
Wellington

PRESENT:

Mayor Wade-Brown	(9.22am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.53pm, 3.05pm – 3.45pm.)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.22am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.31pm.)
Councillor Best (Deputy Chair)	(9.22am – 9.36am, 9.47am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.53pm, 3.05pm – 3.45pm.)
Councillor Cook	(9.22am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.53pm, 3.05pm – 3.45pm.)
Councillor Coughlan	(9.25am – 9.40am, 9.47am – 10.08am, 1.20pm – 2.04pm.)
Councillor Eagle	(9.22am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 10.59am, 11.01am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.53pm, 3.05pm – 3.45pm.)
Councillor Foster (Chair)	(9.22am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.53pm, 3.05pm – 3.45pm.)
Councillor Gill	(9.22am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.31pm, 2.40pm – 2.53pm, 3.05pm – 3.45pm.)
Councillor Lester	(9.29am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.10pm.)
Councillor McKinnon	(9.22am – 10.08am, 10.59am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.53pm, 3.12pm – 3.45pm.)
Councillor Marsh	(9.22am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.06pm.)
Councillor Morrison	(9.22am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am.)
Councillor Pannett	(9.22am – 9.24am, 9.26am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.53pm, 3.05pm – 3.38pm, 3.41pm – 3.45pm.)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.22am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 2.53pm, 3.05pm – 3.45pm.)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.22am – 9.36am, 9.47am – 10.08am, 10.57am – 11.02am, 1.20pm – 1.42pm, 1.55pm – 2.53pm, 3.05pm – 3.45pm.)

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE:

Sophie Rapson - Committee Advisor

Antoinette Bliss - Committee Advisor

068/12P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Cook, the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Lester.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Lester.*

069/12P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 9.24am.)

(Councillor Coughlan joined the meeting at 9.25am.)

(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 9.26am.)

070/12P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Christina Bellis, Sarah Adams, and Charles Barrie representing the Sustainability Trust addressed the Committee in regards Report 2 – Assessment of the Need for Greater Coordination of Community Gardens report. They supported the paper, but encouraged the Council to take a facilitator role of the Wellington Community Gardens.

(Councillor Lester joined the meeting at 9.29am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 9.36am.)

(Councillor Best left the meeting at 9.36am.)

2. Richard Reid representing Richard Reid & Associates in regards to Report 1 – Cobham Drive to Buckle Street Improvements - a report on the request for engagement from NZTA paper. Mr Reid stated that the Wellington City Council needs to promote its own vision for the city. Mr Reid also suggested undergrounding Buckle Street to pass under Tory Street/Tasman Street.

(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 9.40am.)

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 9.47am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 9.47am.)

(Councillor Best returned to the meeting at 9.47am.)

071/12P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Bronwyn Hayward addressed the meeting regarding Report 3 - Review of Homelessness Strategy: Scoping Paper. Ms Hayward noted that there needs to be strong coordination and amalgamation of services when addressing homelessness.

TABLED INFORMATION: Article referred to during speech reference 071/12P(A).

(The meeting adjourned at 10.08am and reconvened at 10.57am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

2. Soumitra Chakravorty addressed the meeting regarding Report 2 – Traffic Resolutions, which is to be considered at Strategy and Policy Committee on 5 April 2012. Mr Chakravorty opposes the original proposal for a pedestrian crossing point with “no stopping restriction” – traffic resolution TR11 -12. Mr Chakravorty believes that this will do nothing to enhance safety, and create a hazard for his family, and suggested alternative arrangements.

TABLED INFORMATION: Speaking notes reference 071/12P(B)

(Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 10.59am.)

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 10.59am.)

(Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 11.01am.)

(The meeting adjourned at 11.02am and reconvened at 1.20pm.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Pannett, Pepperell, and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

072/12P **COBHAM DRIVE TO BUCKLE STREET IMPROVEMENTS - A REPORT ON THE REQUEST FOR ENGAGEMENT FROM NZTA** (1.20PM – 1.52PM)
 Report of Tass Larsen – Programme Manager Policy.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor McKinnon, the substantive motion.

Moved Councillor Coughlan, seconded Councillor Gill, the following amendment

New recommendation 5

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

5. Agree that a ~~workshop~~ **briefing** be scheduled for NZTA to provide further information on the east-west undergrounding options at the Basin Reserve.

The amendment new 5 was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Coughlan, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, and Marsh.

Voting against: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Cook, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Vote: 7:7

The amendment new 5 was declared LOST on the Chair's CASTING VOTE.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 1.42pm.)

The substantive motion recommendation 1 was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 2 was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 3 was put and declared CARRIED. (Councillor Pannett wanted her dissenting vote recorded.)

The substantive motion recommendations 4, 5, and 6 were put and declared CARRIED.

Nominations were sought for Councillors to be members of NZTA Councillor Advisory Group. Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Eagle, Foster, and Marsh advised that they wish to be members.

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown the motion that Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Eagle, Foster, and Marsh be nominated as members of the NZTA Councillor Advisory Group.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that Wellington City Council is represented on the NZTA Councillor Advisory Group for the Cobham Drive to Buckle Street projects.*
3. *Agree that the Strategy and Policy Committee nominates **Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Eagle, Foster, and Marsh** its members on the NZTA Councillor Advisory Group.*
4. *Note that representation on the Advisory Group and participation of councillors as members is without prejudice to Council's submission or decisions on NZTA's final proposal.*
5. *Agree that a workshop be scheduled for NZTA to provide further information on the east-west undergrounding options at the Basin Reserve.*
6. *Note that the next opportunities for the Council to provide formal input are likely to be feedback on detailed design and mitigation measures (late 2012) and a submission on NZTA's Notice of Requirement for the Basin Reserve project (early 2013).*

The Resolution differs from the officer's recommendations as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

073/12P **ASSESSMENT OF THE NEED FOR GREATER COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY GARDENS** (1.52PM –2.31PM)
 Report of Charlie Devenish, Community Resilience Advisor and Jenny Rains, Manager, City Communities.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Cook, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, the substantive motion.

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 1.55pm.)
 (Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 2.04pm.)
 (Councillor Marsh left the meeting at 2.06pm.)
 (Councillor Lester left the meeting at 2.10pm.)

Moved Councillor Eagle, seconded Councillor Pannett, the following amendment:

New recommendations 4 and 5

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

4. *Agree that **council continues to take a facilitative role in the coordination of the city's community gardens through the Parks and Gardens and City Communities teams** ~~can continue to be met through business as usual.~~*
5. *Agree that officers work on the opportunities and options available for developing a more strategic approach to the city's food sector and **urban agriculture**, of which community gardens are **an integral** ~~one~~ part.*

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 as amended were put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion recommendation 5 as amended was put and DIVISION called.

Voting for: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Cook, Eagle, Gill, Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie.

Voting against: Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Foster, and McKinnon.

Majority vote: 7:4

The substantive motion recommendation 5 was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that the Strategy and Policy Committee received an e-petition in October 2011 recommending that Council support a community gardens coordinator role in Wellington. The Committee requested officers' report back on the need for such a role in three months.*
3. *Note that members of the community wishing to provide further support to the community gardens sector apply to Council's general grants pools to support specific projects.*
4. *Agree that **council continues to take a facilitative role** ~~coordination~~ of the city's community gardens **through the Parks and Gardens and City Communities teams** ~~can continue to be met through business as usual.~~*
5. *Agree that officers' work on the opportunities and options available for developing a more strategic approach to the city's food sector and **urban agriculture**, of which community gardens are **an integral** ~~one~~ part.*

The Resolution differs from the officer's recommendations as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold** and removed the text with strikethrough.

074/12P **REVIEW OF HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY: SCOPING PAPER** (2.31PM – 3.23PM)
 Report of Jaime Dyhrberg, Principal Advisor Strategic Projects and Advice and Stephen Flude, Senior Community Resilience Advisor.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 2.31pm.)

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 2.31pm.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 2.40pm.)

Moved Councillor Cook, seconded Councillor Eagle, the substantive motion.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.53pm and reconvened at 3.05pm.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Best, Cook, Eagle, Foster, Gill, Pannett, Pepprell, and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the following amendment:

New recommendations 3 and 5

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

3. Agree the review of the Homelessness ~~Strategy~~ **Policy** be action-orientated with the ~~new strategy~~ **draft policy** emerging from a day-long practitioner lock-in with all relevant stakeholders.
5. Agree that officers will undertake general consultation with the public following the **Strategy and Policy Committee approval of the draft policy** ~~practitioner 'lock-in'~~.

Moved Councillor Gill, seconded Councillor Best, the procedural motion that the amendment be put.

The procedural motion was put and declared LOST.

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 3.12pm.)

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Notes that the addressing homelessness in Wellington is becoming increasingly challenging and that there is a need for the Council to facilitate a co-ordinated response to ending homelessness in the City.*
3. *Agree the review of the Homelessness ~~Strategy~~ **Policy** be action-orientated with the ~~new strategy~~ **draft policy** emerging from a day-long practitioner lock-in with all relevant stakeholders.*
4. *That officers work with Social Portfolio Leader and the Community Engagement Portfolio Leader on an engagement plan for the practitioner lock-in.*
5. *Agree that officers will undertake general consultation with the public following the **Strategy and Policy Committee approval of the draft policy** ~~practitioner 'lock-in'~~.*

NOTED:

The Resolution differs from the officer's recommendations as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold** and removed the text with strikethrough.

075/12P **SPC FORWARD PROGRAMME** (3.23PM – 3.45PM)
 Report of Luka Dujmovic – Committee Advisor, Democratic Services
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion with amendments to recommendation 2 as follows:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

2. Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, **amended as follow:**

- (a) **19 April 2012**
 - **Add Elected Member Remuneration**
- (b) **10 May 2012**
 - **Add Quarterly Report**
 - **Add Pay and Display Parking and Taxis – removed from 5 April 2012**
- (c) **To be scheduled**
 - **Add Report on Governance Options**

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 3.38pm.)

(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 3.41pm.)

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor McKinnon, the following amendment.

New recommendation 2(c)

- (c) **To be scheduled**
 - **Remove Disposal of 13 Vennell Street, Brooklyn**
 - **Add Report on Regional Governance Options and Implications**
 - **Add Report on Waterfront - Site 10**
 - **Resource Management Law Association**

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, **amended as follow:***
 - (a) *19 April 2012*
 - *Add Elected Member Remuneration*
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 - *Add Report on Regional Governance Options and Implications*
 - *Add Report on Waterfront - Site 10*
 - *Resource Management Law Association*

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

The meeting concluded at 3.45pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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