
MINUTES

THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2007

9.15AM

**Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster (9.41 – 10.50am)
Councillor Gill
Councillor Goulden (9.15 – 9.50am, 9.58 – 10.35am, 10.48 – 10.50am)
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Morrison (9.15 – 10.35am, 10.48 – 10.50am)
Councillor Pepperell (9.15 – 9.58am, 10.12 – 10.50am)
Councillor Ritchie (9.15 – 9.35am, 9.51 – 10.23am, 10.29 – 10.50am)
Councillor Ruben
Councillor Shaw
Councillor Wade-Brown

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Armstrong
Councillor Wain

082/07P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for absence from Councillors Armstrong and Wain.*

083/07P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

084/07P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

085/07P **DEPUTATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no deputations

086/07P **OTARI-WILTON'S BUSH – FINAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**
Report of Myfanwy Emeny – Planner, Ecology and Biodiversity.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Ritchie the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the amendments of the Draft Otari-Wilton's Bush Management Plan, giving full consideration to submissions.*
3. *Recommend to Council that the final Otari-Wilton's Bush Management Plan is approved and forwarded to Minister of Conservation for final sign-off under the Reserves Act 1977.*
4. *Agree to approve the final Otari Wilton's Bush Management Plan with any minor editorial amendments to be signed off by the Environment Portfolio leader.*

5. *Approve the five year implementation plan.*
6. *Recognise that a separate funding bid for the implementation of the Landscape Development Plan will need to be considered for the 2009/2010 to 2012 financial years.*

087/07P **DRAFT PARKING POLICY**

Report of Julie Alexander – Senior Policy Advisor.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 2)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer the substantive motion.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 9.35am.)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Cook an amendment for an additional recommendation:

“9. Agree to initiate a survey of the origin (with respect to their mode of transport) of retail shoppers”

The Chair proposed to substitute the amendment for the following wording:

“9. Note that officers will report back to SPC on the scope of surveys that will inform the parking implementation plan.”

The original amendment was WITHDRAWN by the mover.

The replacement amendment was ACCEPTED with LEAVE OF THE MEETING.

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.41am.)

(Councillor Goulden left the meeting at 9.50am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 9.51am.)

Moved Councillor Shaw, seconded Councillor McKinnon the following amendment to Section 5 of Appendix One:

5. Overall Principles of the Parking Policy

The following are the overall principles of the parking policy:

- ∗. i. Parking should be managed so that it supports the Council’s Strategic outcomes for economic development, urban development, transport, environmental, social and recreation, and cultural wellbeing, ~~in the following ways:~~

- ii. Street space is a scarce resource and priority for use for parking needs to be considered against other uses and depends on the location, type of street and time of day and day of week.
- ~~ii. A market driven approach should continue to be operated by Council, subject to ongoing monitoring~~
- iii. The Council should aim to manage on-street parking so that 15% of spaces are always vacant. This conforms to international best practice for managing parking, ensuring that turnover and the ability to find a space are balanced. Spaces will need to be managed through a combination of pricing, time limits and enforcement. However, this needs to be balanced with the following:-
 - a) not having an overly complex regime that is difficult to understand or enforce, and
 - b) a range of relevant Council policies in this area (e.g. Retail Policy)
- iv. Revenue from parking needs to reflect the parking policy and the Council's strategic direction. Pricing is an effective tool in maintaining a certain level of availability of the on-street spaces. However, the price of a parking space needs to continue to recognise the cost of supplying and maintaining the road and street space asset. This should be communicated to the community to foster greater awareness and understanding of the rationale for charging for parking.

The amendment was PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

The amended substantive, recommendations 1-4 and 7-9 were PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

The amended substantive, recommendations 5 and 6 were PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that there are pressures and hotspots within the current system due to the excessive demand for on-street parking.*
3. *Note that because of the competing uses of public road space, there are challenges and opportunities to meet agreed council strategic objectives.*

4. *Note that the draft Parking Policy aims to manage a limited and very important resource, the public road space, in an equitable and balanced manner to ensure that the best outcomes for the city are achieved.*
5. *Agree to the draft Parking Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the officer's report, **as amended**, for the purposes of undertaking public consultation.*
6. *Agree to the draft Implementation Plan, attached as Appendix 2 to the officer's report, for the purposes of undertaking consultation.*
7. *Agree that officers will report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee with a revised Policy following consultation.*
8. *Agree that officers will report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee with a revised Implementation Plan following consultation.*
9. *Note that officers will report back to SPC on the scope of surveys that will inform the parking implementation plan.*

NOTED:

1. Councillor Ruben requested that his dissenting vote be recorded against recommendations 5 and 6.
2. The committee added the words in bold.

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PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TO ELECTED MEMBERS

Report of Ross Bly – Electoral and Special Projects Officer.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 9.58am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 9.58am.)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Shaw the substantive motion as amended.

Moved Councillor Goulden an amendment relating to the full reimbursement of those mobile phone costs relating to business by the organisation. The amendment failed for want of a seconder.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.12am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.23am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.29am.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Wade-Brown the following amendment for an additional recommendation:

4. Convey our view for the record that mileage allowances not applying to active modes is inconsistent with sustainable transport policy.

The amendment was PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

The substantive motion, as amended was PUT and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the new procedure the Remuneration Authority will follow in considering and approving the payment of allowances and reimbursement of expenses for elected members of local authorities.*
3. *Recommend to Council that it confirms its current rules and policies for the payment of allowances and the reimbursement of expenses to its elected members (including members of its community boards), as outlined in the attached application form (attached at Appendix 1 to the officer's report **as amended**), and that the application be referred to the Remuneration Authority for its approval.*
4. ***Convey our view for the record that mileage allowances not applying to active modes is inconsistent with sustainable transport policy.***

NOTED:

The committee added the words in **bold**.

(The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.35am and reconvened at 10.46am. When the meeting reconvened Councillors Goulden and Morrison were not present.)

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**COMMONWEALTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE –
REPORT BACK**

Report of Mayor Prendergast and Councillor Gill.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 4)

(Councillors Goulden and Morrison returned to the meeting at 10.48 am.)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Gill the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was PUT and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*

The meeting concluded at 10.50am.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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