
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST 2008

9.17AM

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (Chair) (9.17am – 10.13am, 11.40am – 1.05pm)

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (12.13pm – 1.05pm)

Councillor Best

Councillor Cook

Councillor Coughlan (9.17am – 12.03pm)

Councillor Foster

Councillor Goulden

Councillor Gill

Councillor McKinnon

Councillor Pannett

Councillor Pepperell

Councillor Ritchie

Councillor Wade-Brown

Councillor Wain

APOLOGIES:

232/08P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (for lateness)

Councillor Coughlan (for early departure)

Councillor Morrison

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for lateness from Councillor Ahipene-Mercer.*
2. *Accept apologies for early departure from Councillor Coughlan.*
3. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Morrison.*

233/08P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

234/08P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

235/08P **ORAL HEARINGS: EARTHQUAKE PRONE BUILDING POLICY**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

1. Adam Thornton addressed the Committee as an individual. He represented a firm of construction engineers who have been involved in earthquake strengthening. Mr Thornton did not agree to the extension of time for owners to strengthen their buildings. He felt this was counterproductive and Wellington City Council should continue to rely on its discretion for granting extensions. Mr Thornton also suggested a compromise to allow owners to strengthen while they are refurbishing.
2. Roger Walker addressed the Committee as an individual. Mr Walker is a building owner who has received a letter to either upgrade or demolish his building. However there is also a possibility of his building being listed as a heritage building. Mr Walker argues that due to the fact that one cannot demolish a heritage building, the Council should contribute to the upgrade. He was also concerned by the fact that there is no way to share costs between owners with adjoining buildings and suggested this be looked into.

3. Lorraine Edwards addressed the Committee as an individual. Ms Edwards owns a building used for commercial purposes. She commends the Wellington City Council for considering amendments to the Policy but would like to see these extended to include all buildings that have previously been identified as earthquake prone. It is unfair that some earthquake prone buildings miss out on the advantages of the amended policy, especially the extended time frame.
4. Rosamund Averton addressed the Committee as an individual. Ms Averton expressed concern about restrictions and impositions placed on building owners in company shared blocks. She noted that owners are not sure of the status of their building and this causes confusion.
5. Ian Smith addressed the Committee as an Individual and on behalf of the Clients of Ian Smith Services Ltd. Mr Smith urged the Wellington City Council to take a further step in their policy and to look at how it can be done fairly and reasonably. He did not agree with the proposed amendments. He argued that the proposed amendments were not in line with the requirements of the Building Act. Mr Smith also noted that the policy created an unnecessarily slow process and it was “taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut”.
6. Peter Land addressed the Committee as an individual. Mr Land did not support the proposed amendments. His building was excluded from the policy as it had already been identified as earthquake prone and is expected to be upgraded within two years. He argues that the policy should apply to all earthquake prone buildings.
7. Spyros Papageorgiou addressed the Committee on behalf of the Ulysses Trust. Mr Papageorgiou supported the policy but asked that heritage listed buildings be taken into account. He contended that if heritage buildings are important to the City then the City should help maintain them. He also noted that there are often a number of owners in one building and this has potential to cause problems. Mr Papageorgiou was concerned that the value of earthquake prone buildings has not been factored into land values.

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 10.13am.)

8. Tim Bollinger addressed the Committee as an individual. Mr Bollinger noted that there are many neglected and damaged buildings in Wellington despite legislation to prevent this. He stressed that buildings are fundamental to the character and history of Wellington. Mr Bollinger asked for the inclusion of more buildings on the heritage list and a larger fund for these buildings.

(The meeting adjourned at 10.26am for morning tea and a Councillor Briefing.)

(The meeting reconvened at 11.40am. When the meeting reconvened Mayor Prendergast and Councillors Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain were present.)

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**REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE: 2007/2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Report of Helen Rogers, Financial Controller.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 2)

(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 12.03pm.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer joined the meeting at 12.13pm.)

Moved Councillor McKinnon seconded Councillor Pepperell the substantive motion, amended as follows:

New 5:

5. Recommend to Council the adoption of the annual report, **as amended**, for Wellington City Council for the year ended 30 June 2008 (attached in Appendix One).

The amended substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Note that the Audit and Risk Management Subcommittee has reviewed the financial statements in detail.*
3. *Note that Audit New Zealand have indicated their likely audit clearance by way of a letter of comfort dated 21 August 2008 (attached in Appendix Two).*
4. *Recommend that Council confirm the Statement of Accounting Policies, as contained within the financial statements, for Wellington City Council for the year ended 30 June 2008.*
5. *Recommend to Council the adoption of the annual report, **as amended**, for Wellington City Council for the year ended 30 June 2008 (attached in Appendix One).*
6. *Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make minor editorial changes to the publication as required.*

NOTED:

1. The resolutions differed from the recommendations in the Officer's report as follows:

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

2. Councillor Goulden requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

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NORTHERN RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN

Report of Mike Oates, Acting Manager Open Space and Recreation Planning.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

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

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Agree to the amendments of the Draft Northern Reserves Management Plan, giving full consideration to submissions.*
3. *Delegate to the Environment Portfolio Leader the authority to sign off minor changes to the Plan, resulting from any amendments agreed by the Committee.*
4. *Recommend to Council that it approve the Final Northern Reserves Management Plan and forward it to the Minister of Conservation for final sign-off under the Reserves Act 1977.*
5. *Approve the five year implementation plan, with any requirements for additional funding to be considered as part of the LTCCP prioritisation process.*
6. *Agree that funding for restoration of the Halfway House and construction of the Porirua Stream Walkway and Cycleway in Tawa be included for consideration as part of the LTCCP deliberations.*

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WASTE ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATION

Report of Genevieve Drake, Policy Advisor
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Foster the substantive motion.

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Note that the Waste Advisory Board is to be established by the enactment of the Waste Minimisation Bill.*
3. *Recommend to Council the nomination of a Councillor for the Waste Advisory Board, as proposed under the Waste Minimisation Bill.*

Moved Councillor McKinnon the following motion:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Recommend to Council the nomination of Councillor Wade-Brown for the Waste Advisory Board, as proposed under the Waste Minimisation Bill.*

The motion was ACCEPTED with leave of the meeting.

NOTED:

Councillor Wade-Brown withdrew from the table and did not vote.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE –
REPORT BACK**

Report of Mayor Kerry Prendergast
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 5)

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

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receives the information.*

The meeting concluded at 1.05pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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