
MINUTES

FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2008

(9.21AM)

**Council Chamber
First Floor, Town Hall
Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Best
Councillor Cook
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Goulden
Councillor Gill (9.21am – 9.30am, 1.43pm – 1.44pm)
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Pepperell
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Wade-Brown
Councillor Wain

APOLOGIES:

191/08P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Foster.*

192/08P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

193/08P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Chun Lee presented a petition on behalf of the Bike Freely Wellington Programme. A similar programme has been a huge success in Paris and another about to get underway in London. It could solve problems with congestion. The programme would also help in Wellington City Council's aim to become carbon neutral.
2. Tessa Charles presented a petition asking the Mayor to raise human rights issues in Tibet with Chinese authorities when she travels to Beijing in August 2008. Ms Charles noted that there is worldwide concern over the treatment of Tibetans by the Peoples Republic of China. She also emphasised the need to reclaim peace in Tibet and the rights that belong to all human beings. Ms Charles urged the Mayor to convey the message to the Chinese authorities.

194/08P **PETITIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

1. Chun Lee presented a petition asking the Wellington City Council to implement a Bike Freely Programme.

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Morrison the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the petition and refer to officers to inform their work.*
2. Tessa Charles presented a petition asking the Mayor to raise human rights issues in Tibet with the Chinese authorities when she travels to Beijing in August 2008.

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor McKinnon the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the petition.

(The meeting was adjourned at 9.30am.)

(The meeting reconvened at 1.43pm.)

195/08P

AMENDMENT TO THE EARTHQUAKE-PRONE BUILDING POLICY

Report of Chris Linnell – Senior Policy Advisor
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 1)

Moved Councillor Best, seconded Mayor Prendergast the substantive motion.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to extend the timeframes provided in the 2006 Earthquake Prone Building Policy for strengthening compliance by a further five years for each priority category as follows:*
 - High priority – Change from 5 to up to 10 years.*
 - Moderate priority – Change from 10 to up to 15 years.*
 - Low priority – Change from 15 to up to 20 years.*
 - Passive – No maximum – unchanged.*
- 3. Agree to remove the one third of capital value of cumulative works ‘trigger’ in the 2006 Earthquake Prone Building Policy requiring strengthening in advance of the maximum timeframes otherwise required.*
- 4. Amend the policy to include provisions allowing a council officer with the appropriate delegations to issue an Earthquake Prone Building notice with a timeframe different to the timeframes stated in the policy. This specifically relates to situations where:*

- a. *Due to the effects of an earthquake*
 - *A building that was considered earthquake prone and had been issued a notice under this policy has been affected and requires immediate action to address public safety issues*
 - *A building that was not considered earthquake prone prior to the earthquake has been affected and it requires immediate action to address public safety issues*
 - b. *A building owner(s) has failed to comply with a notice and/or the time frame has expired.*
5. *Agree that no changes be made to current requirements on the approximately 20 building owners who have had long standing notices under the previous Building Act 1991 to complete strengthening work on unreinforced structures.*
 6. *Note that the current Earthquake Prone Building Policy includes the provision for owners of two or more EQP buildings to negotiate on a case by case basis with the Council, a strengthening plan across the portfolio of properties that may modify the timeframes and order in which the buildings are to be strengthened but will improve overall public safety gains.*
 7. *Note that:*
 - a. *The Council is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of its property portfolio to inform the development of the LTCCP, and*
 - b. *a proposed response to earthquake strengthening issues will be developed at that stage, if required.*
 8. *Recommend to the Council that it:*
 - a. *Agree to the revised Earthquake Prone Building Policy and associated statement of proposal.*
 - b. *Agree to initiate the special consultative procedure as a basis for consultation.*
 - c. *Note that feedback from the consultation process and the final policy will be reported back to the Strategy and Policy Committee in September 2008.*

196/08P **EARTHQUAKE STRENGTHENING OF CITY GALLERY WELLINGTON**
 Report of Allan Prangnell – Manager, Council Controlled Organisations
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

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

The substantive motion with as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information*
2. *Note that the City Gallery has been assessed as Earthquake Prone under the Building Act 2004*
3. *Note that the estimated cost of seismic strengthening to the City Gallery to bring the building up to an estimated 67% of the New Building Standard is \$1.1 million*
4. *Note that a paper outlining a programme for seismic strengthening of Council-owned buildings will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee to inform the 2009/10 LTCCP*
5. *Recommend that Council agree to provide \$1.1 million (Capex) for seismic strengthening of the City Gallery in 2009/10, which will be combined with the planned redevelopment of the City Gallery to eliminate the risk posed to the operations of the gallery by it being classified as earthquake prone, enable consolidation of costs and minimise closure times*
6. *Note that, if the funding is provided to enable seismic strengthening, the planned timetable for the Gallery redevelopment and earthquake strengthening will see the Gallery redeveloped and compliant with the Building Act 2004 by August 2009.*

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 1.44pm.)

197/08P **FINAL STATEMENTS OF INTENT FOR COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2008/09**
 Report of Allan Prangnell – Manager, Council Controlled Organisations.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

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

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Approve the following Statements of Intent as outlined below*

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- a) *Basin Reserve Trust*
 - b) *Capacity - Wellington Water Management Limited*
 - c) *Positively Wellington Tourism*
 - d) *St James Theatre Trust*
 - e) *Wellington Cable Car Company, subject to the adoption of a suitable dividends policy.*
 - f) *Wellington Museum Trust*
 - g) *Wellington Zoo Trust*
 - h) *Wellington Regional Stadium Trust*
 - i) *Karori Wildlife Sanctuary Trust*
2. *Approve the Wellington Waterfront Limited Statement of Intent subject to:*
- a) *the Council decision on 27 June 2008 on the draft Waterfront Development Plan and short-term advance, and*
 - b) *the report to the Strategy and Policy Committee in September, detailing the waterfront development options for inclusion in the 2009/10 LTCCP.*

The meeting concluded at 2.12pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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