

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 11 December 2025

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 10.00am.

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Duthie
Councillor Elder
Councillor Free
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor James
Councillor Johnstone
Councillor Makarini
Councillor Rhodes
Councillor Saw
Councillor Tupou (until 11.21am and from 11.27am)
Councillor Woolf (until 11.34am)

Karakia timatanga

The Council Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Duthie / Cr Tupou

That Council accepts the apology for early departure from Councillor Woolf.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting for the 2025-2028 triennium on 30 October 2025, and as reconvened on 27 November 2025 - Report 25.499

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Woolf

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting for the 2025-2028 triennium on 30 October 2025, and as reconvened on 27 November 2025 - Report 25.499

The motion was **carried**.

The Council Chair accorded priority to agenda item 8. Resource Management Reform submission process - Report 25.520

5 Resource Management Reform submission process – Report 25.520

Fathima Iftikar, Director, Strategy, Policy and Regulation; Matt Hickman, Principal Advisor, Strategy, Policy and Regulation; and Carl Chenery, Principal Advisor, Te Hunga Whiriwhiri, spoke to the report. A presentation was tabled.

Moved: Cr Gaylor / Cr Duthie

That the Council:

- 1 Agrees to make a submission to the Resource Management Reform select committee process.
- 2 Agrees the basis of the submission are the principles set out in paragraph 15.
- 3 Agrees to a councillor working group comprising Councillors Duthie, Elder, Free, Johnstone, Makarini, Rhodes, Staples and Woolf.
- 4 Notes that the proposed reform work risks the continued diminishment of Treaty settlement obligations; while not all of our partnerships are established through settlement legislation, it will impact iwi environmental governance and Māori decision-making.
- 5 Notes that there will be a separate process for responding to the Government's Simplifying Local Government draft proposal and any exposure drafts of new National Direction

The motion was **carried**.

6 Terms of Reference for committees and advisory bodies (including delegations to committees) for the 2025-2028 triennium – Report 25.492

Councillor Ponter spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Staples

That the Council:

- 1 Approves changing the name of the Waiōhine Flood Management Group to the Waiōhine Advisory Group.
- 2 Adopts the proposed Terms of Reference for Committees and Advisory Bodies (including Delegations to Committees) for the 2025—28 triennium (Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

7 Adoption of the 2026 meeting schedule – Report 25.495

Moved: Cr Woolf / Cr Saw

That the Council:

- 1 Adopts the meeting schedule for Council and its committees for the 2026 calendar year, as outlined in Attachment 1.
- 2 Notes the 2026 meeting schedule for the joint committees of which Council is a member (Attachment 2).
- 3 Authorises the Head of Governance and Democracy to circulate the adopted meeting schedule to key stakeholders and to modify the meeting schedule as and when required.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Tiaki Wai Metrowater Limited – Approval of establishment arrangements – Report 25.511

Amanda Cox, Programme Director – Local Water Done Well, spoke to the report. Amanda Cox advised that since the report was written the name of the water company has been changed; the company's name is now Tiaki Wai Limited.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Rhodes

That the Council:

- 1 Approves the Enduring Constitution for Tiaki Wai Limited (Tiaki Wai) (Attachment 1).
- 2 Approves the Tiaki Wai Limited Partners Agreement (Attachment 2).
- 3 Authorises the Council Chair to:
 - a Agree jointly (with the other Shareholder Councils, being Hutt City Council, Porirua City Council, Upper Hutt City Council, and Wellington City Council) to any minor amendments to the Tiaki Wai

Limited Partners Agreement (Partners Agreement) prior to its execution; and

- b Execute, on Council's behalf, the Partners Agreement.
- 4 Establishes the Tiaki Wai Limited Partners Committee (Partners Committee) as a joint committee under clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002 on the terms set out in the Partners Agreement and with effect from the date it is signed by all the Shareholder Councils.
- 5 Adopts the Terms of Reference for the Partners Committee as stated in Schedule 3 to the Partners Agreement (Attachment 2).
- 6 Appoints to the Partners Committee:
 - a Councillor Ros Connelly as Council's Representative; and
 - b Councillor Simon Woolf as Council's Alternate.
- 7 Delegates to the Council's Representative on the Partners Committee the power to confirm the Representatives and Alternates, and any replacements, nominated by the Mana Whenua Partners to the Partners Committee (under section 6.3 of the Partners Agreement).
- 8 Notes that the:
 - a Advisory Oversight Group appointed the interim directors of the MetroWater Establishment Board on 26 August 2025;
 - b Chief Executive, acting under Council's delegated authority (Delegation to Chief Executive - Local Water Done Well Delivery Model - Report 25.458), approved jointly with the chief executives of the other Shareholder Councils (and following consultation with Councillor Connelly and engagement with Greater Wellington's mana whenua partners), the draft principles and interim Statement of Expectations for Tiaki Wai;
 - c Draft principles and interim Statement of Expectations for Tiaki Wai were forwarded to the MetroWater Establishment Board for feedback, and then to Shareholder Councils for final comments; and
 - d The further revised draft SOE, intended for approval by the Partners Committee on 18 December 2025, is attached for Council's reference (Attachment 3).
- 9 Ratifies, as required under Council's delegation, the Chief Executive's approval as noted in recommendation 8b.

The motion was taken in parts: Parts 1, 2, 4 and 5 were put together and were **carried**. Parts 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were put together and were **carried**.

Councillors Elder and Free requested that their votes against Parts 1, 2, 4 and 5 be recorded.

Councillor Tupou left the meeting at 11.21am during questions on the above item and returned at 11.27am during questions on the above item.

Councillor Woolf left the meeting at 11.34am during debate on the above item and did not return.

The meeting adjourned at 11.55am and resumed at 12.06pm.

9 Statement of Expectations for Council Controlled Organisations 2026/27 – Report 25.518

Jan de Bruin, Senior Advisor Company Portfolio and Economic Development, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr James

That the Council:

- 1 Approves the key themes for the Statements of Expectations, for the following Council Controlled Organisations:
 - a WRC Holdings Limited
 - b Wellington Regional Stadium Trust
 - c Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency
- 2 Delegates to the Council Chair authority to sign off the final Statements of Expectation for delivery to each Council Organisation.

The motion was **carried**.

10 Greater Wellington's Quarter One Summary Report 2025-26 – Report 25.522

Nigel Corry, Chief Executive, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Elder

That the Council:

- 1 Accepts Greater Wellington's 2025/26 Quarter One Performance Summary Report as at 30 September 2025 (Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

11 Finance report update – October 2025 – Report 25.519 [For Information]

Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk, and Darryl Joyce, Manager Accounting Services, spoke to the report.

Resolution to exclude the public

12 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 25.529

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Ponter

That the Council excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Statutory performance review of the Chief Executive – Report RPE25.513

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific ground/s under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Statutory performance review of the Chief Executive – Report RPE25.513	
<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<p>This report contains information relating to the Chief Executive's statutory performance review. Release of this information would prejudice the privacy of the Chief Executive, by disclosing information pertaining to the employment relationship between the Chief Executive and the Council.</p> <p>Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the Chief Executive's privacy.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded as per section 7(2)(a) of the Act (to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons).</p>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Act and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

The motion was **carried**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 12.49am.



Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date:

20/02/26