



## Policy Committee | Te Kōmiti Kaupapa Here

### Minutes

Record of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Creative Classroom at Whirinaki Whare Taonga, 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt on Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 4.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor H Newell (Chair), Councillor J B Griffiths (Deputy Chair), Mayor W N Guppy, Deputy Mayor H Swales, Councillor D M Bentley, Councillor M G Carey, Councillor C B G Carson, Councillor A W Hammond, Councillor D Wheeler and Councillor T M Ultra.

**Apology:** Councillor E Holderness.

#### Public Business

##### 1. Apologies

**MOVED:** Councillor Newell / Councillor Griffiths

*“That the Committee recommends that Council receives the apology from Councillor Holderness and grants leave of absence.”*

**MOTION CARRIED:** P 230601

##### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

##### 3. Public Forum

There were no speakers.

##### 4. Director’s Report: Planning and Regulatory Services

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that today council extended the consultation period for Plan Change 50 Rural Chapter Review by two weeks, consultation will now close on 17 November 2023. With the exception of discreet plan changes, all plan changes moving forward will have a longer, six-week period of consultation.

The Director Planning and Regulatory Services answered a member’s question about the Intensification Planning Instrument, which is expected to be presented to council by the end of this week.

**MOVED:** Mayor Guppy / Councillor Griffiths

*“That the Committee recommends that Council receives the report titled Director’s Report: Planning and Regulatory Services.”*

MOTION CARRIED: P 230602

**5. Director's Report: Strategy, Partnerships and Growth**

The Director Strategy, Partnerships and Growth and Director of Asset Management and Operations answered questions from members about The Gardians – Pollinators by nature, mana whenua engagement and the Upper Hutt City EnviroSchools report.

The Interim Chief Executive answered a member's question about the national sustainability updates, in relation to insurance for category three properties of the Government's Land Categorisation Framework.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newell / Councillor Ultra

*"That the Committee recommends that Council receives the report titled Director's Report: Strategy, Partnerships and Growth."*

MOTION CARRIED: P 230603

**6. Chief Executive's Report**

The Interim Chief Executive answered members' questions about the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting, the Chief Executive's Group meeting, the Civil Defence Emergency Management meeting and the meeting with John Allen, Chief Executive of Wellington NZ.

The Director Asset Management and Operations answered a member's question about the Civil Defence Emergency Management group.

**MOVED:** Mayor Guppy / Councillor Griffiths

*"That the Committee recommends that Council receives the Chief Executive's Report."*

MOTION CARRIED: P 230604

**7. Public Excluded Business**

**MOVED:** Councillor Griffiths / Deputy Mayor Swales

*"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*

*Pursuant to the provisions of section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting. The particular interest(s) protected by section 6 or section 7 of LGOIMA which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the meeting in public meetings are specified below:*

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason(s) for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for passing this resolution:</i>
<b>Chief Executive's Public Excluded Report</b>	<i>The withholding of information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons. LGOIMA section 7(2)(a), and to maintain legal professional privilege. LGOIMA section 7(2)(g)].</i>	<i>That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist, where the local authority is specified in</i>

*schedule 1, under section 7  
[except section 7(2)(f)(i)]."*

**MOTION CARRIED: P 230605**

The Chair closed the public meeting at 4.51 pm and moved into public excluded, the meeting concluded at 4.58 pm.

Councillor H Newell  
**Chair**