

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

WELLINGTON WATER COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Upper Hutt City Council Chambers,
838-842 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt on
Monday, 15 June 2015 commencing at 1.00pm

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor D Bassett (Chair) (Hutt City Council)
Mayor W Guppy (Upper Hutt City Council)
Cr I Pannett (Wellington City Council)
Cr J Brash (Greater Wellington Regional Council) (Alternate)
Cr K Douglas (Porirua City Council) (Alternate)

APOLOGIES: Cr F Wilde (Greater Wellington Regional Council) and
Mayor N Leggett (Porirua City Council)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr S Free, Wellington City Council (Alternate)
Ms N Crauford, Board Member, Wellington Water Ltd
Mr C Crampton, Chief Executive, Wellington Water Ltd
Ms J Bryan, Principal Advisor, Wellington Water Ltd
Ms A Scheurich, Chief Financial Officer, Wellington Water Ltd
Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive, Hutt City Council
Mr C Gray, Chief Financial Officer, Greater Wellington Regional
Council
Ms K Stannard, Manager Secretariat Services, Hutt City Council
Ms H Clegg, Minute Taker

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WWC 15301

That the apology received from Cr F Wilde and Mayor N Leggett be accepted and leaves of absence be granted."

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WWC 15302

"That the public minutes and non public minutes of the meeting of the Wellington Water Committee held on Thursday, 5 March 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

5. STATEMENT OF INTENT (15/691)

Report No. WWC2015/2/20 by the Wellington Water Committee

Ms Crauford, Board Member, Wellington Water Ltd ('the company') elaborated on the report. She highlighted the two items which had been amended from the draft Statement of Intent (Company Measures and alignment of the KPIs).

In response to a question from a member, Ms Crauford agreed that the company would continue to be flexible in order to adapt to the changing environment.

There was a brief discussion by members on climate change and the need for the company to continually be responsive in a quick way.

The Chief Executive, Hutt City Council, informed members that all local authorities had had the opportunity to provide comments to the draft Statement of Intent and these comments had been passed onto the company.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WWC 15303

"That the Committee:

(i) notes that the Board for Wellington Water approved the Statement of Intent on 28 April 2015; and

(ii). approves the final Statement of Intent attached as Appendix 1 to the report."

6. **COMPANY UPDATE REPORT** (15/692)

Report No. WWC2015/2/21 by the Wellington Water Committee

The Chief Executive, Wellington Water Ltd ('the company') elaborated on the quarterly performance report. He explained that understanding the wastewater systems across the entire region had resulted in the Cross Harbour Waste Water Pipeline Project not being completed as per the company's expected timeframe. He noted that responsibility of the project had been transferred from Porirua City Council to the company. He explained that the continuity of a water supply to the region was on the programme for next year and that the project was linked to the proposed Cross Harbour Fresh Water Pipe in Wellington. He highlighted that the overall objective concerning water was to understand the problems associated with the continuity of supply in the event of an earthquake. He noted that Greater Wellington Regional Council was currently assessing the resilience of the water supply, but not in regard to the network which supplied the local authorities.

The Chief Executive of the company elaborated on the Regional Strategic Asset Management Plan ('the plan'). He highlighted that the plan would enable a regional approach to the provision of three waters services on behalf of the local authorities. He drew the members attention to the replacement wording which provided a more detailed explanation for the plan. He advised that he would organise a workshop later in the year to brief members on the finer details of the process.

In response to questions, the Chief Executive of the company stated that the proposal would be included in the Greater Wellington Regional Council and the local authorities Long Term Plans. He agreed that with the recent storm events in the region, the public required certainty that services could be restored quickly. He advised that the principle behind the plan was for priorities to be set when dealing with an event. He further agreed to reassess the level of detail presented to members as members expressed concern that the information may be too simplistic for a final and informed decision to be made. He also agreed that the plan was affected by the local authorities policy decisions in other areas and that a graph showing the link between service provision and other policy areas would be helpful.

In response to further questions from members, the Chief Executive of the company, agreed to reassess the number of strategic goals. He highlighted that he intended to produce a substantive data sheet to explain each of the strategic goals. He elaborated on the overall objective of the plan's process which was to clearly link outcomes with the level of investment, ensuring all decision making was under-pinned with actual information.

The Chief Executive of the company elaborated on the Trusted Advisor Model.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Executive of the company agreed to reassess the name of the model, to better acknowledge the managerial and delivery of excellent service functions of the company.

The Chief Executive of the company and Ms Crauford assured members that communications between agencies during a storm event was improving and that the company would report back to members at the next meeting, detailing how such communications work.

The Chief Executive of the company gave a brief overview of the company. He highlighted that by 1 July 2015, he expected all transitioning to be complete including the induction of new staff members.

Members asked the Chief Executive, Wellington Water Ltd, to pass on their congratulations to staff regarding the completion of the functions, processes and work undertaken by the company so far.

The Chair stated that as it was coming up to a year of existence of Wellington Water Ltd, he was proposing to visit each local authority to discuss their perception of how the company was going and any opportunities looking forward. He agreed to speak with the respective officers and share information especially in relation to recent storm flooding events.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WWC 15304

"That the Committee agrees that the Regional Three Waters Report and Outlook can be distributed to Councils in parallel with distribution to the Wellington Water Committee."

7. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2pm.

Deputy Mayor D Bassett
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 20th day of August 2015**