

Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting on 11 February 2025.

Report 24.622

# **Public minutes of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting on Thursday 21 November 2024**

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 1.03pm

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## **Members Present**

Martin Matthews (Chair)  
Councillor Bassett (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand (until 2.54pm)  
Councillor Ropata  
Councillor Saw  
Councillor Woolf (until 1.56pm and from 2.15pm)

Councillors Ropata and Woolf participated at this meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25A of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

## **Karakia timatanga**

The Committee Chair invited Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manage Finance and Risk, to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

## **Public Business**

### **1 Apologies**

There were no apologies

### **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 Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting on 10 October 2024 – Report 24.569**

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Bassett

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting on 10 October 2024 – Report 24.569.

The motion was **carried**.

### **5 Update on the Progress of Action Items from Previous Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee Meetings – Report 24.601 [For Information]**

Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk, spoke to the report.

### **6 Wellington Water Active Risks – Report 24.637 [For Information]**

Nick Leggett, Chair, Wellington Water, Pat Dougherty, Chief Executive, Wellington Water, and Jeremy McKibbin, Group Manager Network Management Group, Wellington Water, spoke to the report.

### **7 Bulk Water Internal Audit – Preparedness for Summer Water Shortage – Report 24.636 [For Information]**

Jacob Boyes Head of Corporate Risk and Assurance, and Vaughan Harrison, PwC Partner (Risk Services), spoke to the report.

**Noted:** The Committee asked officers to arrange for a deep dive into bulk water risks at a full Council workshop, to be held in the first quarter of 2025, with the Chair of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee to be invited to attend.

### **8 Tax Risk Management Policy and Plan – Report 24.553**

Kyn Drake, Principal Finance Policy Advisor, and Ashwin Pai, Head of Finance, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Connelly

That the Committee:

- 1 Endorses the Tax Risk Management Policy and Plan for approval and internal use at Greater Wellington Regional Council.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Woolf left the meeting at 1.56pm, at the start of the above item.

### **9 Financial Policies Update – Report 24.554 [For Information]**

Kyn Drake, Principal Finance Policy Advisor, spoke to the report.

The flipchart document *Guidance for Financial Policies* was tabled.

**10 Quarterly Finance Update – Quarter One – Report 24.594**

Darryl Joyce, Manager Accounting Services, and Ashwin Pai, Head of Finance, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That the Committee:

- 1 Accepts the financial report for the first quarter ended 30 September 2024, including Attachment 1.

The motion was **carried**.

**11 Harbour Management – Risk and Compliance Update – Report 24.579** [For Information]

Grant Nalder, Manager Harbours (Harbourmaster), spoke to the report.

**Noted:** The Committee requested that officers provide a graphic showing the layout of buoys and separation of swimmers from water craft in Wellington Harbour.

Councillor Woolf rejoined the meeting at 2/15pm at the start of the above item.

**12 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Update – November 2024** [For Information]

Julie Barber, Head of Health and Safety, spoke to the report.

**13 Update on Climate Change and Associated Risks – Report 24.608** [For Information]

Jake Roos, Manager Climate Change, spoke to the report.

**14 Risk and Assurance Update – Report 24.635** [For Information]

Jacob Boyes, Head of Corporate Risk and Assurance, spoke to the report.

**15 Forward Work Programme – November 2024 – Report 24.627**

Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Group Manager Finance and Risk, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Saw

That the Committee:

- 1 Endorses the Forward Work Programme (Attachment 1).

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Kirk-Burnnand left the meeting at 2.54pm at the start of the above item, and did not return.

## **Resolution to exclude the public**

**16 Resolution to exclude the public – Report 24.633**

Moved: Cr Bassett / Cr Saw

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

Cyber Security Update – November 2024 – Report PE24.600

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:

<b>Cyber Security Update – November 2024 – Report PE24.600</b>	
<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>The report contains information about Greater Wellington’s information security and cybersecurity status. Release of this information exposes Greater Wellington to cyber-attack threats by making it easier for the public to know Greater Wellington’s cyber security status and utilise the information for improper gain or improper advantage (section 7(2)(j)). It is necessary for Greater Wellington to exclude the information contained in this report from the public domain to protect our information assets and reduce the likelihood of cyber-attack.</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 this risk.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting is excluded under section 7(2)(j) of the Act in order to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.</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/lost**.

The public part of the meeting closed at 2.55pm

M Matthews

**Chair**

Date:

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