



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Kia Reretahi Tātau

FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE
Public Excluded
Minutes from 21 October 2020

Present: Councillors Leigh Hay (Chair), Garrick Emms, Brian Jephson, Brenda West, Mayor Alex Beijen (until 5:00pm) and independent member Kit Nixon.
Via audio-visual technology: Councillor Pam Colenso.

In Attendance: Katrina Neems (Chief Financial Officer), Harry Wilson (Chief Executive Officer), Charly Clarke (Finance Manager), Karen Yates (Policy and Governance Manager) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).

Conduct of Business: The meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and was conducted under public excluded provisions between 4:10pm and 5:05pm.

Open Section

A1. Apologies

FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK RESOLVED (FAR2020/18) to accept apologies from Cr Ross Vickery.

(Moved Cr West/Seconded Mayor Beijen)

Carried

Public Excluded

C Consideration of Public Excluded Business

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/23) that the public be excluded from the following part of the meeting, namely:

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

Report/General Subject Matter	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
Operational Risk Register	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(c)(i)(ii)	Section 48(1)(a)
Draft 30 June 2020 Financial Statements	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(c)(i)(ii)	Section 48(1)(a)

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Wellington Water Ltd Audit Update	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(c)(i)	Section 48(1)(a)
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This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source and is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied	Section 7(2)(c)(i)
The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	Section 7(2)(c)(ii)

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Mayor Beijen)

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

The meeting reconvened at 4:17pm.

C1. Operational Risk Register

Members discussed transparency versus reputational risk considerations, and the need for a strategic risk register appropriate for governance oversight to be developed. This work was due to start in February 2021.

FINANCE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RESOLVED (FAR2020/24PE):

1. To receive the Operational Risk Register Report.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Mayor Beijen)

Carried

2. That this report and associated minutes stay in public excluded until the Chief Executive determines there are no longer any reasons to withhold the information under the Act.

(Moved Mayor Beijen/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

C2. Draft 30 June 2020 Financial Statements

Mrs Neems noted that changes would be made to the draft accounts before being presented to Council as part of the Annual Report for adoption. Mrs Neems outlined areas that required explanation in the Annual Report, and discussed the need for financial planning and management via the Long Term Plan process with members.

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FINANCE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RESOLVED (FAR2020/25PE):

1. To receive the Draft 30 June 2020 Financial Statements Report.
(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried
2. That this report and associated minutes be released to the public following the adoption of the 2019/2020 Annual Report.
(Moved Cr West/Seconded Mayor Beijen) Carried

C3. Wellington Water Ltd Audit Update

Mrs Neems noted that Audit NZ concerns with the Wellington Water audit were regarding non-critical water measures and how Key Performance Indicators are measured. Drinking water standards are being met.

Members requested a clarification to Council's audit response for the Wastewater project to 'we are aware of the Council's decision to withdraw...'

FINANCE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RESOLVED (FAR2020/26PE):

1. To receive the Wellington Water Limited Update Report.
(Moved Mayor Beijen/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried
2. That this report and associated minutes stay in public excluded until the Chief Executive determines there are no longer any reasons to withhold the information under the Act.
(Moved Mayor Beijen/Seconded Cr West) Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

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