

REPORT of a MEETING of the POLICY COMMITTEE, held in the Council Chambers,
Level 3, Civic Administration Building, 838-842 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt, on
WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2010, commencing at 4.30pm

PRESENT: CR H NEWELL (CHAIR), HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR MR W N GUPPY,
CRS M A ARCHIBALD, K L AUSTIN, K G BARNARD, P R CHRISTIANSON,
J C GWILLIAM, P M MCCARDLE, B D RABBITT AND B J TIMMS

APOLOGY: CR N M GILLIES

IN ATTENDANCE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE, DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, DIRECTOR OF
BUSINESS AND LEISURE SERVICES, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (left at 5:05pm), ACTING POLICY AND
REPORTING MANAGER, CITY SOLICITOR, ELECTORAL OFFICER, PROJECT
COORDINATOR-URBAN GROWTH STRATEGY (left at 5.05pm) AND COMMITTEE
SECRETARY

A. PUBLIC BUSINESS

APOLOGY

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Item A3: Review of Class 4 Gambling and New Zealand
Racing Board (including TAB) Venues Policy (331/16/001)

Carly Woodham and Stephen Palmer, representatives from Regional Public Health noted that they had made a written submission on the draft review and supported the reduction on the cap of gambling machines in Upper Hutt. They reported that Regional Public Health were concerned with the deletion of the clauses in reference to schools, early childhood centres, kindergartens and places of worship and the meshblocks with a deprivations scores of 8 or above when considering where a new/relocating venue can be located. They advised these deletions may affect the health and wellbeing of the community.

Item A4: Proposed Stopping of Section of
Winchester Avenue, Upper Hutt (325/12/001)

Paul Duncan, owner of the adjoining property, spoke in relation to the proposed stopping of a section of Winchester Avenue and answered questions from the Committee.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Archibald declared one item of general business to be discussed in the public section of the meeting.

**3. REVIEW OF CLASS 4 GAMBLING AND NEW ZEALAND RACING BOARD
(INCLUDING TAB) VENUES POLICY** (331/16/001)

Report from Acting Policy and Reporting Manager dated 19 March 2010 (agenda pages A3-1 to A3-9).

Councillor Gwilliam queried the wording of the condition under heading 'Clause 7: Transfer of Existing Class 4 Gambling Venue Conditions' that reads *"the existing venue must be ceasing to operate as a licensed premise"*.

He suggested it should read: *"the existing venue must be ceasing to operate as a gambling venue"*.

The Chief Executive advised that officers would investigate and report back to Council.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT this matter be deferred to the Council meeting on 7 April 2010.

4. PROPOSED STOPPING OF SECTION OF WINCHESTER AVENUE, UPPER HUTT (325/12/001)

Report from City Solicitor dated 18 March 2010 (agenda pages A4-1 to A4-4).

Councillor Gwilliam queried whether the section of stopped road would be amalgamated with Mr Duncan's existing land. The City Solicitor confirmed that it would be amalgamated. This condition is noted in the recommendation.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. **THAT the report be received.**
2. **THAT the Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate a sale of the section of Winchester Avenue described in this report conditional upon it being stopped as road, to Paul Shane Duncan.**
3. **THAT Council resolve that on the Chief Executive entering a contract to sell the section of Winchester Avenue to Paul Shane Duncan that the Council will pursuant to section 116 of the Public Works Act 1981 proceed to stop the section of Winchester Avenue described in this report for the reason that the section of road is not now and will never be required for roading purposes.**
4. **A condition of this sale agreement will be that the section of stopped road will be amalgamated with Mr Duncan's existing land.**

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY 2010 TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS - EARLY PROCESSING OF VOTING DOCUMENTS AND ORDERING OF CANDIDATES' NAMES ON VOTING PAPERS (306/10/008)

Report from the Electoral Officer dated 11 March 2010 (agenda pages A5-1 to A5-3).

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. **THAT the report be received.**
2. **THAT Council resolve, pursuant to Section 79 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to allow voting documents for the Upper Hutt City Council 2010 triennial elections to be processed during the voting period.**
3. **THAT Council resolve that the names of the candidates at the Upper Hutt City Council 2010 triennial elections be arranged, on the voting documents, in alphabetical order of surname.**

6. **INVESTIGATION INTO THE POTENTIAL USE OF PLANNING MEASURES
TO AID IN THE REVITALISATION OF THE UPPER HUTT CBD (350/20/000 & 350/80/004)**

Report from the Project Coordinator – Urban Growth Strategy dated 24 March 2010 (agenda pages A6-1 to A6-12).

The Committee commended Council officers on the report. The Director of Environmental Services answered questions from the Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT Council note the findings of this report in respect of options available to utilise district plan measures to reduce the size of the Upper Hutt central business district, and confirm that it does not want to pursue a plan change at this time.
3. THAT Council agree to officers scoping the development of a CBD action plan or similar document, including consideration of any further external advice that needs to be commissioned to support such a document.

7. **REVIEW OF WELLINGTON GOVERNANCE ISSUES (301/60/020)**

Report from the Chief Executive dated 23 March 2010 (agenda pages A7-1 to A7-14).

The Chief Executive answered questions from the Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT Council confirm its involvement in the proposed review of Wellington governance issues in accordance with the amended terms of reference that were agreed to at the Mayoral Forum on 26 February 2010.
3. THAT the Council agree to the proposed cost sharing allocation in relation to the review.
4. THAT His Worship the Mayor be delegated authority to agree to the appointment of the consultant to conduct the review process.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
MARCH 2010 (301/25/010)**

Report from the Director of Environmental Services dated 23 March 2010 (agenda pages A8-1 to A8-8).

The Director of Environmental Services answered questions from the Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

- THAT the report be received.

9. **MANAGER'S REPORT – POLICY AND REPORTING DEPARTMENT**
MARCH 2010 **(301/25/012)**

Report from the Acting Policy and Reporting Manager dated 19 March 2010 (agenda pages A9-1 to A9-2).

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT Council note that a submission on Greater Wellington Regional Council's Proposed Annual Plan 2010/11 will be circulated to Councillors for comment.

10. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT** **(301/25/009)**

Report from the Chief Executive dated 22 March 2010 (agenda pages A10-1 to A10-7).

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the report be received.

11. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Councillor Archibald tabled a letter from Ms Fran Cole regarding the state of the CBD and the current recycling policy.

12. **PUBLIC EXCLUSION**

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

B.1 **STREET NAMING**

B.2 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

THAT 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:

(A)	(B)	(C)
GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASONS FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
Street Naming	To enable the Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations; to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment.	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

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To protect the privacy of natural persons; to maintain legal professional privilege and to enable the Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.

Section 48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified in Column B above.

The Public Business section of the meeting concluded at 5.22pm.

The Public Excluded section of the meeting concluded at 5.30pm.

Cr H Newell
CHAIRMAN