

MAIN AGENDA



Waitakere City Council
Te Taiao o Waitakere

NOTICE OF MEETING COUNCIL

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of the Council will be held on:-

REVISED **Thursday, 14 December 2006** **TIME:** **5.30 pm**
DATE:

VENUE: **Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, Waitakere**

to consider the business as set out herein and to take any necessary action connected therewith.

NOTE: Pursuant to Standing Order 25.8 at 5.00 pm a 30-minute Public Forum will precede the Council meeting:

- Blue Water Black Magic - A tribute to Sir Peter Blake, by Paul Brewer, Director Marketing and Communications, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa and Briony Ellis, Development Director, Blue Water Black Magic, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa.

8 December 2006

Audrey Chan
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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	C	Harding, JP
	PA	Hulse
	JP	Lawley
	VS	Neeson, JP

(Quorum 8 members)

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**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL,
6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON THURSDAY,
14 DECEMBER 2006, COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM.**

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PART A - OPENING OF MEETING

1 OPENING PRAYER

Councillor Clow will say the Opening Prayer.



2 APOLOGIES



3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Monday, 27 November 2006
 - Wednesday, 29 November 2006

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on Monday, 27 November 2006 and Wednesday, 29 November 2006 as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



4 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Council by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Council may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



PART B - REPORT OF THE MAYOR

The Report of the Mayor will be circulated under separate cover with this agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Report of the Mayor be received.

RA Harvey, QSO, JP

MAYOR OF WAITAKERE CITY



PART C - REPORTS OF NEW LYNN COMMUNITY BOARD, WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD, MASSEY COMMUNITY BOARD AND HENDERSON COMMUNITY BOARD

5 NEW LYNN COMMUNITY BOARD

THE BOARD SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2006

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1-7
Part C

The Board dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages 1 to 7 in the supplement labelled Part C.

The Board Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the New Lynn Community Board held on Monday, 4 December 2006 be received.

P van der Voort. JP

CHAIRMAN



6 WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD

THE BOARD SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2006

MATTERS CONSIDERED

8-14
Part C

The Board dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages 8 to 14 in the supplement labelled Part C.

The Board Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, 5 December 2006 be received.

CA Shepherd, JP
CHAIRMAN



7 **MASSEY COMMUNITY BOARD**

THE BOARD SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2006

MATTERS CONSIDERED

The Board dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting will be circulated separately.

The Board Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the Massey Community Board held on Wednesday, 6 December 2006 be received.

GE Barnard
CHAIRMAN



8 **HENDERSON COMMUNITY BOARD**

THE BOARD SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2006

MATTERS CONSIDERED

The Board dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting will be circulated separately.

The Board Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the Henderson Community Board held on Thursday, 7 December 2006 be received.

EAG Grimmer, MNZM
CHAIRMAN



PART D - REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9 DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO BORROW

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to formalise delegated authorities associated with the Council's borrowing programme and financial risk management activities for the 2006/2007 financial year.

BACKGROUND

Under the Local Government Amendment Act (No.3) 1996 the Council was required under section 122ZD to raise loans or to enter into any incidental agreements by resolution passed at a meeting open to the public. Such resolutions were required to document the purpose of the loans or incidental agreements, describe the security offered, indicate the considerations of risk and benefits, and indicate that such loans, incidental agreements and security were in accordance with the adopted Borrowing Management Policy.

Under the Local Government Act 2002, section 122ZD was repealed with no new section enacted requiring such a resolution to be passed. However, while the effect of adoption of a Long Term Council Community Plan and an Annual Plan is to provide a formal and public statement of the local authority's intentions in relation to matters covered by such plans (including the borrowing programme), section 96(2) of that Act provides that a resolution to adopt does not necessarily constitute a decision to act on any specific matter included within the Plan.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Council uses various funding options to achieve strategic goals. These options are outlined within a number of policy documents adopted during the course of the Long Term Council Community Plan.

ISSUES

Delegated Authorities

The Council adopted its Long Term Council Community Plan on 30 June 2006 which approved loan raising to be undertaken. When loans are raised from investors the Council provides security under its Debenture Trust Deed. This provides investors with rates income as security for the repayment of the loan. It is unclear whether the adoption of the borrowing programme as outlined within the Long Term Council Community Plan, is explicit to meet the Council's borrowing security arrangements under its Debenture Trust Deed.

In order to clarify the Council's intent and approval to borrow from investors, a number of resolutions have been prepared. The resolutions are similar to the previous resolutions that were required under the repealed provisions of the Local Government Amendment Act (No.3) 1996.

Incidental Agreements

The Liability Management and Investment Policy includes reference to the use of incidental agreements for hedging risks associated with debt. In recognition of this, Council's Fund Management function actively monitors and trades in financial instruments for the purpose of minimising both the overall borrowing cost and interest rate risks. It is therefore desirable that the use of financial instruments continues as a valid means of reducing risks in interest rate volatility.

Council also has significant undrawn committed facilities that are used to eliminate the risks associated with liquidity. Again, there is a desirability for such facilities to continue and to renegotiate these on the basis of the Standard and Poor's +A rating now attributed.

RESOURCES

The 2006/2007 Annual Plan's new borrowing programme of \$68,968 million, plus the refinancing of an estimated \$18,103 million, plus the carry forward of \$65,992 million of proposed borrowing expenditure related to the 2005/2006 Annual Plan, amounts to a total current borrowing programme of \$153,063 million.

CONCLUSION

To ensure clarity, it is prudent that robust delegations be put in place to address the 2006/2007 borrowing programme. With respect to the Long Term Council Community Plan borrowing patterns, some alterations to delegated authorities are required to minimise the overall costs associated with developing such new facilities, which will provide Council with a significant future advantage.

Council uses borrowings, financial instruments and other incidental agreements for the management of its debt requirements. Council no longer appears to require a separate resolution to enter into specific borrowing arrangements as previously prescribed. However, internal legal advice recommends that resolutions be passed encompassing the borrowing requirements for the 2006/2007 Annual Plan and formalising certain delegated authorities, and that it is equally appropriate to clearly resolve that such borrowing activities as are outlined in this report are approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Delegated Authority to Borrow report be received.
2. That for the purpose of borrowing to carry out or to continue the projects identified in the 2006/2007 Annual Plan or carried forward from any previous Annual Plan, or for any project approved by Council subsequent to the adoption of such Plan:
 - (a) The security for such borrowing may be a charge over rates under the Debenture Trust Deed if the Chief Executive Officer considers it appropriate.
 - (b) The benefits of such borrowing are to enable the Council to carry out the projects identified within the 2006/2007 Annual Plan and Long Term Council Community Plan while spreading the costs for those projects over time to recognise the future benefits, while the risk is that interest rates may vary in the future resulting in higher debt servicing costs to Council.
 - (c) The raising of loans, financial instruments and other incidental agreements associated with the Council's debt portfolio comply with the Council's Liability Management and Investment Policy.
 - (d) That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to borrow to a maximum gross debt of \$331,937 million in this or the 2007/2008 financial year, as approved in the 2006/2007 Annual Plan, by way of bank loan or loans, credit facility or facilities, or the issue of commercial paper, medium term floating rate notes or fixed coupon bonds for the borrowing, secured by the Debenture Trust Deed.

- (e) The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to negotiate and agree the terms, interest rates payable by the Council, frequency of interest payments, timing of draw downs, number of loans or issues of commercial paper, medium term floating rate notes or fixed coupon bonds which make up the borrowings, and all other terms and conditions of such loans or facilities as may be necessary for the obtaining of such loan or loan facilities and to execute any agreements, documents and certificates in respect of such loans or loan facilities on behalf of the Council.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sub-delegate the powers, duties and discretions delegated to him under the resolutions above to the Director: Finance or other Council officers as he considers appropriate.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer and the Director: Finance be delegated authority to act as Council's authorised representatives for the purposes of negotiating various facility agreements necessary to facilitate the strategic direction outlined within the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016.
5. That the Chief Executive Officer and the Director: Finance be delegated authority to act as Council's authorised representatives, subject to satisfactory review by the Council's solicitors, whether internal or external, for the purpose of executing under seal any facility agreements necessary to facilitate the strategic direction outlined within the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016.

Report prepared by: Bruce Wilkin, Treasury Manager.



10 FOURTH COMMONWEALTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT FORUM'S BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to invite the Council to consider and determine Elected Member representation at the Fourth Commonwealth Local Government Forum's Biennial Conference (the Conference) in Auckland from 26-29 March 2007.

BACKGROUND

New Zealand has been confirmed to host the prestigious fourth Conference in Auckland in March 2007.

This is the first time this conference has been hosted in the New Zealand/Asia Pacific region. New Zealand is honoured to have been chosen to host such a prominent event that brings together top local government leaders from around the world.

The Conference is organised by the Commonwealth Local Government Forum, of which Local Government New Zealand is a member and President Basil Morrison is a member of the executive. It is a unique event where policy recommendations are formally presented for adoption to the Commonwealth Heads of Government.

The Commonwealth Local Government Forum has more than 170 member organisations in over 40 Commonwealth countries worldwide.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Commonwealth Local Government Forum works to promote and strengthen effective democratic local government throughout the Commonwealth and to facilitate the exchange of good practice in local government structures and services.

The interests of local government in New Zealand have been advanced to the Commonwealth Local Government Forum by Local Government New Zealand. The promotion of New Zealand as the venue for the fourth Conference has now given this Council and others from around New Zealand, the opportunity to participate.

The Conference will provide an opportunity for Elected Members to discuss a wide range of local government issues and to network and share experiences with other Elected Members from around the Commonwealth.

ISSUES

This is a three-day international conference on strengthening local leadership to promote sustainable economic, social and environmental development.

Conference Attendance

The theme of the 2007 Conference is "Delivering Development through Local Leadership". Commonwealth Local Government Forum Secretary-General Carl Wright has indicated that this entails local leadership to promote local economic development, local leadership to deliver essential services to the community and to ensure key social objectives.

Speakers at the Conference include:

- Rt Hon Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand;
- HE President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of Uganda;
- Most Hon Portia Simpson Miller, Prime Minister of Jamaica;
- Hon Lawrence Gonzi, Prime Minister of Malta and Chairperson-in-Office of the Commonwealth (to be confirmed);
- Rt Hon Don McKinnon, Commonwealth Secretary-General;
- Dr Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-Habitat (to be confirmed);
- Prof Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute, Columbia University and Director of the UN Millennium Project;
- Ministers for local government from across the Commonwealth;
- Mayors and other local government leaders.

The cost of Conference attendance is \$590 plus GST per delegate, plus accommodation if any, and travel.

Council needs to determine attendance at the Conference. It is recommended that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and two Councillors attend. The Chief Executive Officer will also attend with two Directors.

The Conference will give New Zealand's local government leaders a unique opportunity to showcase New Zealand, and the strength of local democracies and will also be able to learn about international trends in local government governance, management and best practice.

RESOURCES

Budget is available in the current Annual Plan to allow Elected Members to attend the Conference.

CONCLUSION

The Conference programme will be circulated to Elected Members separately when available. The programme provides an opportunity for Elected Members to share ideas and experiences with their colleagues across around the Commonwealth.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Fourth Local Government Forum's Biennial Conference report be received.
2. That the Mayor attend the Fourth Local Government Forum's Biennial Conference in Auckland from 26-29 March 2007.
3. That the Deputy Mayor attend the Fourth Local Government Forum's Biennial Conference in Auckland from 26-29 March 2007.
4. That Council determine two Councillors to attend the Fourth Local Government Forum's Biennial Conference in Auckland from 26-29 March 2007.

Report prepared by: Darryl Griffin, Group Manager: Democracy and Support Services.



11 STRENGTHENING AUCKLAND'S REGIONAL GOVERNANCE - PROPOSAL

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this paper is to allow Councillors to consider the paper titled "Strengthening Regional Governance - Proposal" and to seek a response which will accompany the proposal to be provided to central government in late December.

BACKGROUND

In September 2006, the Auckland Mayoral Forum initiated a review of Regional Governance. A Joint Officers Group comprising senior officers of each of the eight Auckland local authorities and central government were tasked to progress this project.

The re-alignment of local authority boundaries was not considered as part of this work.

An Issues and Options discussion paper was released on 3 November for consideration by Councils. The discussion paper outlined issues and opportunities for reform, governance principles to guide the review and three models of regional governance. Waitakere City Councillors discussed the initial proposals at workshops in November and December.

The Mayor and Crs Hulse and Battersby also represented Waitakere on a regional Political Reference Group which provided feedback on issues and options, including reform models.

A1-A39

The final report, which is attached at pages A1 to A39, has been peer reviewed by Greg Clark (Advisor on City and Regional Development, Department for Communities and Local Government, UK; Global Practice Advisor at London Development Agency; Advisor to the OECD on City and Regional Development). The models outlined in the paper were found to be consistent with regional reform initiatives internationally.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Auckland region comprises many diverse communities but it also exists as one city/region, competing with other cities in the rest of the world as a single economy.

The region faces significant growth related pressures that are also regional in nature. Addressing these pressures requires local and central government decisions to be made consistent with strong regional vision and direction that reinforces the interrelationship between social, cultural, environmental and economic development outcomes.

The Strengthening Auckland's Regional Governance project is an attempt to enhance the performance of the region as a whole and address current governance and funding weaknesses.

Changes in regional governance have potential impacts on sustainability outcomes and particular outcomes in the areas of transport, growth, economic development, regional facilities, and opportunities for shared services.

Good governance principles are also the foundation of good democracy. In this regard the Regional Governance review aims to address weaknesses in this area, particularly with a view to:

- (a) give effect to the purpose of local government to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities.
- (b) promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and in the future.
- (c) ensure that decisions are taken at the level of governance closest to those affected, best informed and best placed to deal with consequences, and coordinated between the different spheres of government.
- (d) provide for clear accountability to the public for outcomes, use of public funds and stewardship of public assets.

There are already underway a number of processes which are attempting to achieve some of the goals of the Auckland Regional governance project:

- The Auckland Regional Council's START (Sustaining the Auckland Region Together) project has initiated a process for councils, central government and stakeholders to work together to determine priority focus areas to make Auckland sustainable over the long-term;
- The Auckland Strategic Transport Alignment project involves central government and the region developing an agreed long term transport vision and funding solutions required to deliver that vision;
- The Metro Action Plan identifies a number of economic development opportunities including attracting investment in world-class infrastructure, destinations, centres, and matching of skills and research with business requirements.

ISSUES

The “Package”

The final proposal includes:

- The creation of a Greater Auckland Council or some other appropriate new name, potentially new directly elected representation arrangements, a broader role and responsibilities, and access to new funding sources as well as regional rates;
- The package suggests options for representation on the Greater Auckland Council, including the chair/mayor being elected at large across the region and Maori representation based on parliamentary electoral boundaries;
- The establishment of a Regional Development Forum, as a standing committee of the Greater Auckland Council, also comprising nominated elected representatives from all the councils of the Auckland region, plus central government and non-governmental representatives from time to time;
- The development by the Forum, of “One Plan” for the Auckland region to promote social, economic, cultural and environmental well being through prioritised action plans;
- The development of new national strategies by central government, that link with and guide regional strategies, and importantly, guide central government funding and delivery;
- Multi-year funding agreements between central and local government;
- Amendment of transport legislation to enable the Regional Land Transport Strategy to specify both major projects and areas for focus and activity. In addition it has been suggested that while membership of the Regional Land Transport Committee needs to be broad to include interested stakeholders, voting should be restricted to those responsible for funding implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy;
- Amendment of water legislation to enable Watercare to pay its territorial authority owners a dividend, to be used on stormwater in the first instance. This would replace funding currently coming from Auckland Regional Holdings (and allow that to be used for transport);
- Investigation of an expansion of shared services arrangements.

Waitakere’s Position

Following the first Council workshop on 13 November 2006, staff developed a position paper which was fed into the preparation of subsequent iterations of the Regional Governance report.

A40-A47

That included a number of non-negotiable “bottom lines”, particularly with regards to a suggestion that vertical integration of water be investigated, and that the management and funding of regional facilities should be managed by some sort of regional entity (rather than existing territorial local authorities). A copy of that position paper is attached at pages A40 to A47.

The final Regional Governance paper largely reflects the views of this Council.

Differing Views and Timeline

Feedback from all local authorities in response to the initial Issues and Options discussion paper showed there is general agreement among councils of the need for reform and on the set of appropriate governance principles. However, there was not a consensus view across the 8 councils regarding full solutions to address the reasons for strengthening regional governance. Two views of regionalism had emerged, that could be characterised into two alternative models of regional governance:

1. Joint binding decision making with “club ownership” (i.e. ownership by local authorities) of delivery entities.
2. A stronger regional entity.

Upon further consideration it appeared possible to mix and match aspects of each of these models to develop a single package of reforms that would strengthen regional governance in Auckland.

Components of this package differ from some of the preferences expressed by individual council on the Issues and Options discussion paper. However, by and large it builds on areas of agreement. Should there be adequate support for the proposed package it would be provided to central government to seek necessary legislation. In order for any legislation to be actioned, the final proposal accompanied by formal resolutions from each of the 8 territorial local authorities in the region must be provided to Government by 15 December 2006.

Financial Implications

The proposed package of reforms would have a range of financial implications, including:

- Overall the package provides a framework for ensuring that improved decision-making via the One Plan and associated action plans will lead to more certain allocation of funding to regional priorities;
- A key plank of the proposal is to address funding shortfalls at the regional level by providing the Greater Auckland Council with new funding sources (such as a regional fuel tax, development levies and departure tax) for specific expenditures;
- The proposal envisages the Greater Auckland Council using these new funding sources as well as increased regional rates, to fund increased transport, regional economic development, tourism promotion, major events and regional facilities. It suggests a process for the councils and central government to agree on the national, regional and local interests, funding and ownership of such facilities;
- It is intended that the proposal will advance the concept of shared services, producing efficiencies;
- There may be some costs associated with implementing the reforms in the proposed package, including costs associated with:
 - A new name for the regional entity;
 - Potential new representation arrangements for the regional entity;
 - Establishing and servicing the new Regional Sustainable Development Forum and One Plan;
 - Collecting new sources of revenue;
 - Investigating new shared services arrangements.

The net financial implications are extremely difficult to quantify at this point.

Legal Implications

There are a raft of required or desirable legislative amendments associated with the proposed package of reforms. These include:

- Amendment of the Local Government Electoral Act if the Greater Auckland Council has a different basis of representation than the Auckland Regional Council (for example, on a parliamentary electoral basis);
- The establishment under the Greater Auckland Council of a Regional Sustainable Development Forum to produce One Plan (replacing the current Regional Growth Strategy and Forum provisions of the Local Government Act 1974);

- The empowerment of the Greater Auckland Council to raise fuel tax, regional development levies and departure tax for specific uses;
- The transfer of specific regional facilities and/or funding responsibilities to the Greater Auckland Council (subject to a time bound process to obtain agreement between the councils of the region and central government, as to the national, regional and local interest, funding and ownership of these). If, as part of this process, agreement is reached to transfer responsibilities for funding the Auckland Museum and/or MOTAT, this will require amendment to the specific legislation applying to these regional facilities;
- A series of amendments to the Local Government Act 1974 Watercare provisions, the Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Act and the North Shore Drainage Act;
- Amendment of the Local Government Auckland Amendment Act 2004 to remove the obligation for Greater Auckland Council to fund stormwater, including old Infrastructure Auckland grant commitments, from Auckland Regional Holdings revenue;
- Amendment of the legislation pertaining to Auckland Regional Holdings and Auckland Regional Transport Authority to put these organisations on a standard CCO footing;
- Amendment of the legislation relating to the Regional Land Transport Committee and Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Initial legal advice has been that these legislative amendments would be reasonably straightforward to put in place.

Consultation

The small window of opportunity provided by the central government legislative timetable and next year's local body elections have placed significant constraints on the potential reform timetable. This has consequences on the scope and timing of public consultation in the policy development process.

There has been initial discussion with iwi on the governance project through the southern and northern wananga established through the START process.

It is recommended that if broad agreement is achieved amongst the councils in the Auckland region, then joint (or coordinated) public consultation on the proposal be undertaken in February/March 2007.

In addition, should central government progress legislative amendments such as those outlined above; there will be a further opportunity for public consultation through the select committee process.

RESOURCES

To this point there has been on financial resources required of the project, although there has been considerable staff time and involvement.

CONCLUSION

The review of governance in the Auckland Region has delivered a final package of proposed reforms for Council to consider. In general the paper mirrors the views of Waitakere City in a number of key areas.

Among other things the proposed reforms include the establishment of a "Greater Auckland Council", development of "One Plan" for the region, the involvement of directly appointed elected members in the development of that plan (through the Regional Sustainable Development Forum) and long term funding agreements between central and local government.

The views of this and other Councils views will be forwarded to government with a view to legislation to give effect to any reform being introduced in 2007.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the “Strengthening Auckland’s Regional Governance-Proposal” report be received.
2. That Waitakere City Council endorses, in principle, the proposal to strengthen Auckland’s regional governance as a submission from the Auckland region to the government.
3. Further, the Council wishes to state its strong views on the following and that these views be taken into account in any final reform(s):
 - That any form of Greater Auckland Council has a chair/mayor that is elected at large across the region and other representatives are elected along parliamentary electoral boundary lines (including Maori seats);
 - There is to be no change to the structure and/or ownership of Watercare (i.e. strong opposition to the notion of vertical integration);
 - This Council wishes to see any regionally funded facilities owned by a regional entity and funding to be raised on a formula other than a straight population basis.
4. That if broad agreement is achieved amongst the councils in the Auckland region, then joint (or co-ordinated) public consultation on the proposal is undertaken in February/March 2007.
5. That the Political Reference Group be empowered to conduct ongoing discussions with government ministers as to the refinement and implementation of the proposal and that His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Penny Hulse (with Councillor Derek Battersby as alternate) continue to represent Waitakere on this group.

Report prepared by: John Dragicevich; Director: City Services and Wally Thomas,
Director: Public Affairs.

HV O’Rourke, MNZM, JP, ANZIM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



PART E - REPORTS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEES

12 CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

YOUR COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2006

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Any recommendations arising from this City Development Committee meeting will be circulated separately.

2. MATTERS CONSIDERED

Your Committee dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting will be circulated separately.

Your Committee Recommends:

That the report of the Meeting of the City Development Committee held on Thursday, 7 December 2006 be received.

PA Hulse
CHAIRMAN



13 FINANCE AND OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

YOUR COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2006

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Any recommendations arising from this Finance and Operational Performance Committee meeting will be circulated separately.

2. MATTERS CONSIDERED

Your Committee will deal with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting will be circulated separately.

Your Committee Will Recommend:

That the report of the Meeting of the Finance and Operational Performance Committee held on Monday, 11 December 2006 be received.

JM Clews, QSO, JP
CHAIRMAN



14 **PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

YOUR COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2006

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Any recommendations arising from this Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting will be circulated separately.

2. **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

Your Committee will deal with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting will be circulated separately.

Your Committee Will Recommend:

That the report of the Meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday, 12 December 2006 be received.

VS Neeson, JP
CHAIRMAN



15 **TE TAUMATA RUNANGA**

I NOHO TE TAUMATA RUNANGA KOMITI MANE TE KAU MA TAHI O HAKIHEA 2006

YOUR COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2006

1 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Any recommendations arising from this Te Taumata Runanga Committee meeting will be circulated separately.

2 **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

Your Committee will deal with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting will be circulated separately.

NGA TAKE E WHIRIWHIRIA

E whakatau ana Te Taumata Runanga i nga take i whakamanangia i te ture he whakaahua o nga tuhi kua tona ki nga mema o te Kaunihera.

Your Committee Will Recommend:

That the report of the Meeting of Te Taumata Runanga held on Monday, 11 December 2006 be received.

TW Taua, MNZM
CHAIRMAN



PART F - PRESENTATIONS

These presentations will take place at about 6.00 pm.

16 CITATION

A GEOFF DOBSON

The Mayor will present a Citation to Geoff Dobson in recognition of his dedication to reporting local news and events for a quarter of a century.

B MURRAY SPEARMAN

The Mayor will present a Citation to Murray Spearman in recognition of his services to Waitakere City.

C PALEMIA LEOTA AND RITCHIE TIEDMAN

The Mayor will present a Citation to Palemia Leota and Ritchie Tiedman for their courage and kindness to a woman attacked in her home on 14 October 2006.



17 PRESENTATION OF SONGS

Alexandra Hunter, age 9, from Laingholm Primary School, and Vinetta Thorner, age 11, from Rangeview Intermediate School, will each present a song. The two children have performed in the 2006 Waitakere Christmas Festival.



PART G - PROCEDURAL MATTERS

18 QUESTIONS

Pursuant to Standing Order 39.2, any member of the local authority may at any meeting of the local authority at the appointed time, put a question to the Mayor as Chairman of the local authority, or through the Mayor to the Chairman of any standing or special committee, or to any officer of the local authority concerning any matter relevant to the role or functions of the local authority concerning any matter that does not appear on the order paper, nor arises from any committee report or recommendation submitted to that meeting.



19 NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of motion shall be in writing by the mover, stating the meeting at which it is proposed that the notice of motion be considered, and shall be delivered to the Chief Executive Officer at least five clear days before such meeting.



PART H - PUBLIC EXCLUDED MATTERS

20 ENTERPRISE WAITAKERE - APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

21 STRATEGIC OPEN SPACE LAND PURCHASE

These items will be considered in the Confidential Supplement of the agenda, and have been circulated to members separately with this agenda.

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, Enterprise Waitakere - Appointment of Trustees, and Strategic Open Land Purchase.

The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public are excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation of the matters, 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:

General subject of the matters to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matters.	Ground(s) under Section 48(1)(a) for the passing of this resolution.
Enterprise Waitakere - Appointment of Trustees	The withholding of information is necessary in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. 	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
Strategic Open Land Purchase	The withholding of information is necessary in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). 	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

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 Sections 7(2)(a) and 7(2)(i) of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as follows:

- *One report contains information which if released will result in loss of privacy of people involved and the second report which if released could affect the Council's negotiations.*



22 CLOSING PRAYER

Mayor Bob Harvey will say the Closing Prayer.

