

## OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 22 April 2015 commencing at 11.38 am

**Present:**

- Cr David Shepherd (Chairperson)
- Cr Gary Kelliher (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Graeme Bell
- Cr Doug Brown
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM
- Cr Michael Deaker
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
- Cr Trevor Kempton
- Cr Sam Neill
- Cr Gretchen Robertson
- Cr Bryan Scott
- Cr Stephen Woodhead

**In attendance:**

- Peter Bodeker
- Wayne Scott
- Jeff Donaldson
- Jane Leahy
- Fraser McRae
- Gavin Palmer
- Gerard Collings (for Item 4)
- Janet Favel

#### CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Deaker and Kelliher.

#### Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

### Item 1

2015/0875 **Elected Member Remuneration.** DCS, 14/4/15

The report noted that the Remuneration Authority had undertaken its review of elected member remuneration for the 2015/16 period and had requested confirmation of the Council's information.

Councillors were concerned that the Remuneration Authority had determined a 5.2% rise in Councillor remuneration, at a time when inflation sat at 2%.

Mr Scott commented that the Authority took account of population, turnover and CPI in setting remuneration, and this method was to be reviewed prior to the 2016 elections.

A question was raised in relation to the sum allocated for Regional Plan Review meetings, and Mr Scott noted the Authority's explanation that this referred to regional plan reviews rather than ongoing changes. In the past councils had been able to roll the unused portion of this sum into the following year.

Mr Scott explained that in the past Council had agreed its approach in relation to allocation of the remuneration pool. There was now an assessed salary for a councillor and an allowance of 1.5 of that amount for the Council to allocate based on responsibilities such as committee chairs.

It was noted that at the last remuneration review Councillors had agreed that the Deputy Chair/Committee Chair/Councillor ratios should be changed. Mr Scott had passed this request on to the Authority who had declined it on the basis that in their view it did not relate to responsibility changes. He was to check the correspondence.

There was also concern that the timing of the next review meant that remuneration for the incoming council would be decided just prior to the election.

In relation to the regional plan review meetings remuneration pool, it was pointed out that minimum flow changes were changes to parts of the Water Plan in the same way that Plan Change 6A was, and it was noted that other minimum flow hearings and the RPS hearing were coming up. However the question was asked whether sums of \$13,290 in 2014/15, and \$13,980 in 2016/16 were needed to cover these hearings, and what the unused portion would be used for. Mr Scott was to check whether the sum could be rolled over into the following year. He noted that any change proposed to the determination would have to be documented and lodged with the Authority by 30 April.

An addition to recommendation 2 was suggested: “... subject to clarification of regional plan review meetings and the allocation of those funds”. Mr Scott considered that there was not time before the 30 April deadline to prepare documentation on this matter, and it would be followed up on separately.

Cr Deaker moved  
Cr Woodhead seconded

- (1) *That this report be received.*
- (2) *That the Council’s remuneration structure be confirmed.*
- (3) *That the Director Corporate Services provide the appropriate documentation to the Remuneration Authority.*

**Motion carried**

Cr Neill proposed an additional recommendation “That the Remuneration Authority be asked to explain why when inflation was 2% Council was asked to increase remuneration by 5.2%”.

Cr Neill moved  
Cr Eckhoff seconded

*That the Remuneration Authority be asked to explain why when inflation was 2% Council was asked to increase remuneration by 5.2%.*

**Motion carried**

Item 2  
2015/0871 **8 Month review to 28 February 2015.** DCS, 13/4/15

The report summarised project progress for the eight months to 28 February 2015. The full report was circulated separately with the agenda.

Cr Neill moved  
Cr Croot seconded

*That the report be received.*

**Motion carried**

Item 3  
2015/0877 **Director’s report.** DCS, 14/4/15

The report described significant activities carried out by the Finance and Corporate sections since the last meeting of the Committee.

Mr Scott advised that nine submissions had been received to date on the LTP.

Cr Shepherd advised that he and Mr Scott had met with BNZ to discuss the SIPO (Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives), and as recommended by the auditor, would seek an independent review of Council's investments in the managed fund, which could lead to a review of the SIPO.

Cr Croot moved  
Cr Woodhead seconded

- (1) *That this report be received.*
- (2) *That the payments and investments summarised in the table above and detailed in the tabled schedule totalling \$8,184,897.21 be endorsed.*

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 12.19 pm and reconvened at 12.35 pm.

**PART B EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

Cr Shepherd moved  
Cr Woodhead seconded

*That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.*

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

	<i>General subjects to be considered</i>	<i>Reason under LGOIMA for passing this resolution</i>	<i>Grounds under S.48 for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Item 4</i>	<i>RFT2015-1 Unit 5 - Southern Routes Tender delegated approval</i>	<i>To enable the body holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations S7(2)(i)</i>	<i>S.48(1)(a)(i)</i>

*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 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 are as shown above with respect to each item.*

**Motion carried**

Following discussion of Item 4,

Cr Woodhead moved  
Cr Shepherd seconded

*That the meeting resume in open session.*

**Motion carried**

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm.



**Chairperson**