

Exclusion of the public

Report 17.125

That the Council:

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

1. *Procurement of Public Transport Services*

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 grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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1. *Procurement of Public Transport Services*

Certain information contained in this report relates to potential future bus service contracting in the Wellington region. Release of this information would be likely to harm the commercial position of Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and also harm the commercial position of short-listed tenderers and current providers as it sets out potential options which if adopted might expose short-listed tenderers and current providers to commercial risks. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.

That the public conduct of the whole or 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 under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect information where the making available of that information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information).

2. *Permits Ian Dobbs (External member of the Tender Selection Group), Robin Barlow (External member of the Tender Selection Group), Tim Arbuckle (Financial Advisor, Deloitte) and Peter Davies (Probity Auditor, Audit NZ) to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge of matters related to the procurement of public transport services under PTOM. Their knowledge will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, because it is the subject of the report.*

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 that 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 above.