

**Report 99.643**

2 November 1999

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**Record of the Special Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday 2 November 1999, at 11.50 am**

**Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.**  
*Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.*

**Present**

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry.

**Officers Present**

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

P&F 131      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Werry)*

*That the apology from Councillor Allen be confirmed.*

## Reports of Committees

### P&F 132 Landcare Committee – 12 October 1999

#### Report 99.594

File: E/6/16/2

Members noted that Councillor Thomas had been present for the Landcare meeting on 12 October 1999.

Also Councillor McQueen had leave of absence from that meeting.

#### Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee “Design Standard” Recommendation

#### Report 99.569

File: N/3/13/25

**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Cr Werry/Cr Buchanan)**

**That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 12 October 1999, Item LC100, containing the following recommendations:**

- (1) Recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that the Risk Based 2300 cumec Design Standard, modified as recorded in Report 99.541 of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee meeting of 20 September 1999, be adopted for planning and budgeting purposes in the Council’s 2000-2010 Long-term Financial Strategy..**
- (2) Recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that the Advisory Committee’s Design Standard implementation timeframe (20-25 years, annual spend \$3-\$4 million per year) be considered along with all flood protection in the Region and other Council priorities through the Long-term Financial Strategy review.**

**be referred back to the Landcare Committee for further consideration.**

### P&F 133 Utility Services Committee – 19 October 1999

#### Report 99.607

File: E/6/17/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shaw/Cr Long)*

*That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 19 October 1999, Items US76 and US77, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.*

## Matters for Consideration

### P&F 134 Review of the Funding Policy

**Report 99.601**

File: CP/4/8/1

**Resolved to Recommend** (Cr Long/Cr Thomas)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents, including the proposed funding policy in Attachment One, be noted.
- (2) That the Council approves in principle the proposed funding policy for use in the development of the long term financial strategy.

Councillor Gibson dissented.

### P&F 135 Treasury Management Policy

**Report 99.613**

File: CFO/31/4/1

**Resolved to Recommend** (Chairperson/Cr McQueen)

- (3) That the report be received and the contents noted.
- (4) That Council adopt the revised Treasury Management Policy dated October 1999, subject to minor editorial changes to be agreed by the Chairman and General Manager.

### P&F 136 Strategic Communications and Policy Initiatives

**Report 99.635**

File: CP/4/2/2

**Resolved to Recommend** (Cr Shields/Cr Turver)

**That the Council:**

- (1) Approves expenditure of \$35,000 for production and distribution of a regional economic publication from the budgetary allocation for Elected Members in 1999/2000 for strategic communications.
- (2) Approves expenditure of \$30,000 for focus group research to support the Long Term Financial Strategy, from the budgetary allocation for Elected Members in 1999/2000 for strategic communications.
- (3) Approves expenditure of \$120,000 for publication of a regional newspaper from the budgetary allocation for Elected Members in 1999/2000 for strategic communications.

The above resolution was passed, in a show of hands, 9 votes in favour and 4 opposed.

Lunch: 1.25pm

Resumption: 2.05pm

**P&F 137 Approval of the Regional Plan for Discharges to Land and the Regional Freshwater Plan**

**Report 99.637**

File: Various

**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)**

**That the Council:**

- (1) Notes that amendments have been made to the Proposed Regional Plan for Discharges to Land and the Proposed Regional Freshwater Plan that give effect to the directions of the Environment Court.**
- (2) Notes that minor amendments have been made to both Plans that relate only to the structure of the Plans.**
- (3) Approves the Proposed Regional Plan for Discharges to Land and the Proposed Regional Freshwater Plan.**
- (4) Authorises the affixing of the seal of the Council to both Plans.**
- (5) Notes that the operative date for both Plans will be publicly notified at least five working days before the Plans become operative.**
- (6) Congratulates all those involved in the production of a quality Plan especially those Councillors and officers who worked on the Plan in the policy development phase.**

**P&F 138 Chief Executive Officers' Employment Contracts**

**Report 99.619**

File: E/7/7/6

**Moved**

*(Chairperson/Cr Shields)*

*That the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that it:*

- (1) note the information and receive the Report;*
- (2) express its continuing satisfaction with the performance of Mr Stone;*
- (3) endorse the action being taken to regularise the present position through legislation.*

At the request of Councillor Bonner the motion was divided.

- (1) Note the information and received the report.

**Carried**

- (2) Express its continuing satisfaction with the performance of Mr Stone.

**Carried**

Councillor Bonner abstained.

- (3) Endorse the action being taken to regularise the present position through legislation.

**Carried**

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Chairperson/Cr Shields)</b>
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**That Council:**

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| <p>(1) <b>note the information and receive the Report;</b></p> <p>(2) <b>express its continuing satisfaction with the performance of Mr Stone;</b></p> <p>(3) <b>endorse the action being taken to regularise the position through legislation.</b></p> |
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**P&F 139 Wellington Regional Stadium Trust:**

- (1) **1999/99 Financial Statements**

**Report 99.596**

File: CFO/27/18/1

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Turver)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

- (2) **Quarterly Report to 30 September 1999**

**Report 99.598**

File: CFO/27/12/2

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

P&F 140 **Economic Wealth in the Greater Wellington Region and the Olympics Opportunity**

**Report 99.636**

File: CP/3/1/1

**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Chairperson/Cr Shields)**

**That the Council:**

- (1) **Notes legal advice that the Council can invite the directors of Port Investments Limited to consider making a contribution to the Wider Wellington Olympic Trade Focus Group, but that it can have no expectation about whether or not the directors decide to do so.**
- (2) **Notes the review by Business and Economic Research Limited (BERL) of the Wider Wellington Olympic Trade Focus Group proposal and requests officers to forward the BERL report to the Directors of Port Investments Ltd.**
- (3) **Notes that officers will report further on economic development issues once the results of the study commissioned by the regional chief executives are available.**

P&F 141 **CentrePort Ltd – 1990/00 Statement of Corporate Intent**

**Report 99.612**

File: CFO/21/3/1

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shaw/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

P&F 142 **WRC Holdings Group**

- (1) **Wellington Regional Council Representative for WRC Holdings Ltd AGM**

**Report 99.641**

File: M/30/9/1

Councillor Bonner left at 3.30pm.

**Resolved to Recommend** (Cr Buchanan/Cr Shaw)

**That the Policy and Finance Committee:**

- (1) **Recommend to Council that Councillor Thomas, who is not a Director of WRC Holdings Ltd, represent the Council and exercise the Council's votes at the WRC Holdings Ltd Annual General Meeting on 9 November 1999, and that Councillor Turver be the deputy to vote in her absence;**
- (2) **Note that other Wellington Regional Councillors are invited to attend the WRC Holdings Ltd Annual General Meeting on 9 November 1999.**

- (2) **1998/99 Financial Statements**

**Report 99.610**

File: CFO/9/1/1

**Resolved to Recommend** (Chairperson/Cr Buchanan)

**That the report be received and the contents noted.**

- (3) **1999/00 Statement of Corporate Intent**

**Report 99.611**

File: CFO/9/1/1

**Resolved to Recommend** (Cr Shaw/Cr Long)

**That the report be received and the contents noted.**

P&F 143 **The Water Group – Report of Business Activity for Year Ended June 1999**

**Report 99.640**

File: O/5/3/18

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shaw/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the Report of Business Activity for the Water Group for the year ended June 1999 be adopted.*

P&F 144 **Preparations for Year 2000 – Status Report**

**Report 99.602**

File: IM/10/6/1

**Resolved to Recommend** (Chairperson/Cr Shields)

**That the report be received and the contents noted.**

P&F 145 **Medical Waste (Wellington) Ltd****(1) Dioxin Emissions****Report 99.617**

File: WGN940121

**Resolved to Recommend** (Chairperson/Cr Shaw)**That the report be received and the contents noted.****(2) Ownership Issues****Report 99.618**

File: CFO/21/3/1

**Resolved to Recommend** (Cr Shields/Cr Thomas)**That the WRC urge Medical Waste (Wellington) Ltd to accelerate the process to reduce dioxin emissions as soon as possible according to current Environmental Standards.**P&F 146 **Managing the Effects of Subdivision on the Natural Character of the Coastal Environment****Report 99.621**

File: X/26/1/1

**Resolved to Recommend** (Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)

- (1) That the Council affirms the actions of staff in implementing Council policy, and takes an active interest in future coastal subdivisions to ensure that significant adverse effects on the coastal environment and the natural character of the coastline are avoided, remedied or mitigated.**
- (2) That the two Wairarapa Councillors raise the matter at the next joint Wairarapa Council meeting to outline and explain national, regional and local policy, and issues relating to implementing these policies.**
- (3) That appropriate information and consultation be implemented to ensure understanding of this approach.**

**Extension of Time**

At 5.00pm the Chairperson said Standing Orders placed a time limit of six hours on meetings and members had now been sitting since 11.00am. Members agreed to continue with the agenda for the Policy and Finance Committee and to reconvene at 9.30am on Thursday, 4 November 1999 to complete the Council agenda.

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Shields)*

*That the Standing Order limiting meetings to 5 hours be suspended.*

P&F 147 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 99.633

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*

- (1) *Report of the Public Excluded part of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 19 October 1999:*

*Harvest Access: Puketiro Forest*

- (2) *Shelly Bay Update*

*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:*

<b><i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i></b>	<b><i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
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| (1) <i>Harvest Access: Puketiro Forest</i> | <i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations</i> | <i>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 (ie to carry on negotiations).</i> |
| (2) <i>Shelly Bay Update</i>               | <i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations</i> | <i>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 (ie to carry on negotiations).</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 follows:*

*Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2)*

The open part of the meeting closed at 5.01pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL  
Chairperson

Date: