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Report 01.151

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**Record of the Meeting of the Special Policy and Finance Committee
held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 6 March 2001 at 9.30am**

**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), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

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

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 310 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That the apology from Councillor Shields and the apology from Councillor Turver for lateness, be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010:2001 Update (Incorporating Council's 2001/02 Annual Plan) – Reports of Committees

(1) Policy and Finance Subcommittee – 15 February 2001

Report 01.100

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Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report of the meeting of the Policy and Finance Subcommittee held on 15 February 2001, Items P&FS/C 302 to P&FS/C 309 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.

(2) Rural Services and Wairarapa – 16 February 2001

Report 01.125

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 16 February 2001, Items RSW 286, and Items RSW 289 and RSW 290 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.

(3) Utility Services – 19 February 2001

Report 01.114

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 19 February 2001, Items US 173, US 183, US 184 and US 185, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.

(4) Passenger Transport – 20 February 2001

Report 01.108

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Patronage Funding Scheme

As the Patronage Funding Scheme had significant implications for the Council's Long Term Financial Strategy the meeting agreed that a policy paper should be prepared to consider all aspects of the new policy at a Policy and Finance Committee meeting before the Transport Budget was finalised.

Proposed Operating Plans 2001-2010

Moved*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Bonner)*

- (1) *That the draft Transport Division Operating Plans be amended to:*
- (a) *Reschedule the Waikanae Electrification project for 2001/02 to 2002/03*
 - (b) *include the kick start funded projects labelled 2a to 2i*
 - (c) *include the kick start funded projects labelled 3a to 3d*
 - (d) *include the Corridor Study labelled 5a*
- (2) *Request officers to produce a set of Long-Term Transport Funding scenario models for patronage funding based on a range of reasonable assumptions including the availability or otherwise of road pricing changes and including a set of possible responses the Council may have to these scenarios and that this be reported back to a meeting of all Councillors.*
- (3) *That projects labelled (4a) to (4i) under the heading 'Proposed Kick Start' on page 3 of Report 01.15 be considered for inclusion in the Annual Plan 2001/02 subject to public consultation on the proposed Annual Plan 2001/02.*
- (4) *That the following draft Operating Plans, as amended, be approved in principle:*
- *Public Transport*
 - *Transport Policy*
 - *Customer Services*
- (5) *That the amended draft Operating Plans for the above activities be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee for inclusion in the Council's Proposed Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010:2001 Update (Incorporating Council's 2001/02 Annual Plan).*
- (6) *That as part of the Annual Plan process the public be consulted on the future of Tranz Metro, Wellington, and the possible role of the Wellington Regional Council.*

Amendment*(Cr Allen/Cr Thomas)*

That 4(e) Integrated Ticketing under the heading 'Proposed Kick Start' in the table on Page 3 of Report 01.51 be added to line (c) in recommendation (1) above.

The above amendment was **LOST** on a show of hands 5 votes in favour and 7 opposed.

The motion was then put and **CARRIED** viz

Resolved to Recommend

- (1) **That the draft Transport Division Operating Plans be amended to:**
 - (a) **reschedule the Waikanae Electrification project labelled 1a from 2001/02 to 2002/03**
 - (b) **include the kick start funded projects labelled 2a to 2i**
 - (c) **include the kick start funded projects labelled 3a to 3d**
 - (d) **include the Corridor Study labelled 5a**
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- (6) **That as part of the Annual Plan process the public be consulted on the future of Tranz Metro, Wellington, and the possible role of the Wellington Regional Council.**

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Bonner)

That Council receives the report of the meeting of the Passenger

Transport Committee held on 20 February 2001, Items PT 159 to PT 162 inclusive.

(5) Landcare – 21 February 2001

Report 01.107

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That Council receives the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 21 February 2001, Items LC 229 to LC 232 inclusive.

(6) Environment – 22 February 2001

Report 01.126

File: E/6/18/2

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That Council receives the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 22 February 2001, Items E 323, E 326 and E 327 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein.

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Exclusion of the Public

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The meeting then agreed to consider the public excluded meeting reports of the Standing Committees Budget meetings.

In addition it was also agreed to consider the Public Excluded Report of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 16 February 2001 about a possible land purchase at the Tauherenikau Delta as that had budget implications.

Resolved (Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

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 February 2001*
 - 1. Water Group: Proposed Operating Plans 2001-2010*
 - 2. Plantation Forestry: Proposed Operating Plans 2001-2010*
- (2) Report of the Public Excluded part of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting held on 16 February 2001*
Possible Land Purchase – Tauherenikau Delta

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</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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<i>(1) 1. Water Group: Proposed Operating Plans 2001-2010</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial)</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 commercial negotiations).</i>
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<i>2. Plantation Forestry: Proposed Operating Plans 2001-2010</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial)</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 commercial negotiations)</i>
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<i>(2) Possible Land Purchase – Tauherenikau Delta</i>	<i>To enable negotiations by the public authority without prejudice or disadvantage.</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 enable negotiations by the public authority without prejudice or disadvantage)</i>
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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) 1. and 2. and (2) and J Gillett and F Donald

The meeting adjourned to the public excluded part at 10.05am and resumed at 10.10 am.

P&F 313 **Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010:2001 Update (Incorporating Council's 2001/02 Annual Plan):-**

(1) Report of Chief Financial Officer

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File: CFO/7/6/9

Councillor Turver arrived at 10.15am.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Long)

That the Forestry Dividend for 2001/02 be set at \$150,000.

Morning tea: 11.55am

Resumption: 11.10am

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the possible land purchase at the Tauherenikau Delta be included in the Annual Plan for public consultation but at this stage no financial provision be made.

Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) That the Chief Financial Officer's report be received and the contents noted.**
- (2) That the Council approve for inclusion in the Proposed 2001/02 Annual Plan (within the updated Long-Term Financial Strategy) the projected rates and levy figures included within this report (as amended).**

(2) Report of Divisional Manager, Utility Services

Report 01.142

File: G/4/1/2

Councillor Turver left at 11.25am.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Laidlaw)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.**
- (2) That the Committee recommend to the Council that at this stage the wholesale water levy for 2001/02 be \$26,147,000, the same as that set for the 2000/01 year, with a provisional distribution among the four city councils as follows:**

Hutt	\$6,772,000
Porirua	\$2,790,000
Upper Hutt	\$2,641,000
Wellington	\$13,944,000

- (3) That the water levy be reviewed and finally determined at the last available Council meeting taking into account changes affecting the Water Group up to that date.**

(3) Report of Council Chairperson

Report 01.142

File: G/4/1/2

Resolved to Recommend	(Chairperson/Cr Werry)
(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.	
(2) That the Council approves the 4.2% regional rate increase for 2001/02 (as outlined in Mr Schollum's report 01.120) as the basis for public consultation.	

P&F 314 **Stadium Trust – Half Year Report**

Report 01.117

File: CFO/27/12/2

Councillor Allen left at 11.40am.

Resolved to Recommend	(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)
That Council receives the report and notes its contents.	

P&F 315 **CentrePort: Half Year Report**

Report 01.119

File: CFO/21/3/1

The meeting was advised that the briefing by CentrePort would take place at 1.00pm on Tuesday 13 March 2001.

Resolved to Recommend	(Chairperson/Cr Long)
That Council receives the report and notes its contents.	

P&F 316 **WRC Holdings Group – Half Year Report****Report 01.118**

File: CFO/9/1/1

Resolved to Recommend**(Chairperson/Cr McQueen)****That Council receives the report and notes its contents.**P&F 317 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 01.130***Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)*

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

CentrePort Director Vacancies

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</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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*CentrePort
Director
Vacancies*

Because of the need to protect the privacy of natural persons and to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through free and frank expressions of opinion by or between or to Council

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 protect the privacy of natural persons).

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 of 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 Mr W Larsen and Mr M Cashin

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.55am.

Cr S A MACASKILL

Chairperson

Date: