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Report 01.93

14 February 2001

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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 Wednesday, 14 February 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), Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Annakin, Bezett, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 294 **Apologies**

Leave of absence: Councillor Allen.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 295 **Local Electoral Bill - Submission**

Report 01.07

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The meeting discussed the report and suggested that the following amendments to the submission be made:

- All candidates standing for more than one position should be required to make a statutory declaration of which position they would accept if elected to more than one,
- Candidates spending less than \$2,000 on their campaign should make a statutory declaration to that effect, rather than detail all expenditure,
- All donations of \$1,000 or greater should be declared, and the provisions clarifying the procedure in event of an extraordinary vacancy should be supported.

The meeting consider that the introduction of campaign expenditure limits was only an issue for mayoral contest in major metropolitan areas.

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

- (1) **That a submission to the Justice and Electoral Select Committee on the Local Electoral Bill, as outlined in Report 01.07 and amended by the meeting, be approved.**
- (2) **That a submission, as outlined in Report 01.07 and amended by the meeting, be made to Local Government New Zealand.**

Also Resolved to Recommend**(Chairman/Cr Shields)**

- (3) **That, subject to the enactment of the Local Electoral Bill 2000, Mr Ted Maguire be appointed Supervising Electoral Officer for the 2001 Local Body Elections.**

Morning tea 11.00am.

Resumption 11.10am.

P&F 296 Local Government (Elected Member Remuneration and Trading Enterprises) Amendment Bill

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Councilor Gibson requested that his opposition to the continuation of elected members' salaries for a period of 3 months following the election and the deletion of clauses 8 and 9 of the Bill be recorded.

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

- (1) **That the submission to the Environment and Local Government Select Committee on the Local Government (Elected Member Remuneration**

and Trading Enterprises) Amendment Bill, as outlined in Report 01.25, be approved.

- (2) That a submission, as outlined in Report 01.25, be made to Local Government New Zealand.**

P&F 297 **Draft Local Government New Zealand Work Programme and Subscription**

Report 01.81

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) That the submission to Local Government New Zealand on the Draft Work Programme for 2001/02, as outlined in Report 01.81, be endorsed.**
- (3) That the Council express to Local Government New Zealand its support for:**
- (i) a 10% general increase in the level of subscriptions for 2001/02, and**
 - (ii) and adjustment to the level of subscriptions to provide relief for the smallest local authorities.**

The meeting closed at 11.25am.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: