

**Report 00.147**

7 March 2000

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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, 7 March 2000 at 10.15am**

**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, Darroch, Laplanche, Maguire, Saywell, Schollum, Stone, Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

**P&F 174 Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Allen)*

*That the apology from Councillor Shields be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

### P&F 175 Reports of Committees: Operating Plans 2000-2010

(1) Policy and Finance Committee – 17 February 2000

Report 00.128

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

That the report of the Special Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 17 February 2000, Item P&F172, and which were adopted by Council on 17 February 2000, be received.

(2) Policy and Finance Subcommittee – 17 February 2000

Report 00.96

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

That the report of the meeting of the Policy and Finance Subcommittee held on 17 February 2000, Items P&FS/C 174 to P&FS/C 181 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.

(3) Passenger Transport – 18 February 2000

Report 00.107

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**Resolved to Recommend** (Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the report of the special meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 18 February 2000, Items PT 82 to PT 84 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.

(4) Utility Services – 21 February 2000

Report 00.100

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

That the report of the special Utility Services Committee meeting held on 21 February 2000, Items US 101 to US 104, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.

**(5) Rural Services and Wairarapa – 22 February 2000**

**Report 00.90**

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**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Cr Long/Cr Turver)**

**That the report of the special Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting held on 22 February 2000, Items RSW 159 to RSW 161 inclusive, and the recommendation contained therein, be received.**

**(6) Landcare – 23 February 2000**

**Report 00.99**

File: E/6/16/2

**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Cr Werry/Cr Bonner)**

**That the report of the special Landcare Committee meeting held on 23 February 2000, Items LC 136 to LC 138 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.**

**(7) Environment – 24 February 2000**

**Report 00.109**

File: E/6/18/2

**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)**

**That the report of the special Environment Committee meeting held on 24 February 2000, Items E 189 to E 191 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.**

**P&F 176 Investing in the Future: the Ten Year LTFS and the Annual Plan 2000/01**

**(1) Report of the Chairperson**

**Report 00.132**

File: CP4/5/1

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)*

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

**(2) Report of Corporate Policy Manager****Report 00.137**

File: CP4/5/1

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Chairperson/Cr Turver)</b>
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**That the results of the pre-consultation process as detailed in Attachment 1, be taken into consideration during deliberations on the Long Term Financial Strategy.**

**(3) Wellington Metropolitan Wholesale Water Supply****Report 00.116**

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*Resolved**(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)**(1) That the Report be received and the contents noted.*

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)</b>
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**(2) That the wholesale water levy for 2000/01 be reduced by 4 percent or \$1,091,000 from the level set for the 1999/00 financial year.**

**(3) That the Proposed Long Term Financial Strategy for Wholesale Water Supply, incorporating the 2000/01 Proposed Annual Plan, be approved for inclusion within Investing in the Future 2000-2010.**

**(4) Report of Ara Tahi Representatives****Report 00.153**

File: X/16/1/1

*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the submissions by Ara Tahi members be considered as a late item of business.*

The Chairperson said Teri Puketapu, Liz Mellish and Susan Forbes had apologised for their non-attendance for this item.

The Chairperson invited Mr Murray Hemi, Ngati Kahungunu, to speak.

Mr Hemi thanked members for the opportunity to speak and said he wished to speak to the Wairarapa submissions which had just been given to members.

At 11.35am the Chairperson suggested that standing orders be suspended so that members could ask questions of Mr Hemi in an informal way.

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Gibson)*

*That Standing Orders be suspended.*

Following a question and answer session at 12 noon the meeting resolved as follows:

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Turver)*

*That the suspension of Standing Orders be lifted.*

It was agreed by the meeting that officers should have the opportunity for input into the Iwi submissions and that the item be adjourned for further consideration next Thursday 9 March 2000 when members would be meeting on other Council business.

Members also noted there could be additional submissions for consideration by next Thursday.

**(5) Report of Chief Financial Officer**

**Report 00.112**

File: CFO/7/6/8

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)*

*(1) That the Report be received and the contents noted.*

**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)**

- (2) That the projected rates/levies figures within this report be included in the proposed Long Term Financial Strategy subject to any amendment resulting from further consideration of the Report from the Iwi representatives at the Policy and Finance Committee meeting next Thursday, 9 March 2000.**
- (3) That in the light of the Chief Financial Officer's comments about the possible increasing debt levels if Council seeks changes to the legislation concerning the ownership of transport infrastructure that the matter be referred back to the Passenger Transport Committee for further consideration.**

**P&F 177 Consultation on the Funding Policy**

**Report 00.134**

File: CP/4/8/1

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Laidlaw)*

*(1) That the Report be received and the contents, including the proposed Funding Policy in Attachment Two, be noted.*

**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Laidlaw)**

- (2) That Council approves the proposed Funding Policy for consultation with the Long Term Financial Strategy.**

**P&F 178 2000/2001 Annual Plan Proposals: Indicative Rating Impacts**

**Report 00.122**

File: G/6/1/1

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr McQueen)*

*That the Policy and Finance Committee;*

- (1) Receives the Report.*
- (2) Notes that actual rates made in levied for 2000/2001 for properties of average values may vary materially from these indicative estimates.*

Councillors Gibson and Laidlaw left at 1.00pm.

**P&F 179 Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 00.119**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Allen)*

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

*Report of the public excluded part of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 21 February 2000*

- (1) Water Group: Proposed Operating Plans 2000-2010*
- (2) Plantation Forestry: Proposed Operating Plans 2000-2010*

*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:*

**General subject of each matter to be considered:** **Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each** **Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution**

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| (1) | <i>Water Group:<br/>Proposed<br/>Operating Plans<br/>2000-2010</i>             | <i>Because of the need to carry on commercial 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 commercial negotiations).</i> |
| (2) | <i>Plantation<br/>Forestry:<br/>Proposed<br/>Operating Plans<br/>2000-2010</i> | <i>Because of the need to carry on commercial 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 commercial 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 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 (1) and (2)*

**P&F 179 Adjournment following consideration of the Public Excluded Business.**

*It was Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Werry)*

*That this Policy and Finance Committee meeting be adjourned to Thursday 9 March 2000.*

The open part of the meeting then adjourned at 1.15pm.

**P&F 180 Resumption of 9 March 2000 at 11.35am**

All Councillors were present except Councillor Bonner who had to leave earlier in the morning.

**(4) Report of Ara Tahi Representative****Report 00.153**

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

- (1) That the Committee note that many of the proposals made by Iwi can be accommodated within proposed work programmes; and that others can be considered for funding within the scope of the allocation in the draft Resource Policy Department Operating Plan specifically allocated to Iwi projects..**
- (2) That Council now approve for inclusion into the Proposed Long Term Financial Strategy the projected rates and figures which were included in the report of the Chief Financial Officer, adopted by Council on 7 March 2000, Report 00.112.**

It was agreed that where appropriate issues raised in the Iwi submissions be referred to the relevant Standing Committee(s) for further consideration, and any recommendations should be made to the Policy and Finance Committee in sufficient time to enable finalisation of Council's Long Term Financial Strategy before 30 June 2000.

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.45am.

Cr S A MACASKILL  
Chairperson

Date: