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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 Monday, 19 February 2001 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 Annakin, Benham, Bodnar, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum and Stone

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 302 Apologies

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)

That the apology from Councillor Shield be confirmed.

Members noted Councillor Shields was absent on other Council business.

Matter for Consideration

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Moved*(Chairperson/Cr Allen)**That the Committee recommend:**That the Council:*

- i) Congratulates the Project Group on the quality of the work completed.*
- ii) Notes the necessary compromises which have been made to facilitate a joint project report.*
- iii) Decides that the potential benefits of the project proposals do not offset the risks and reduced political accountability therein.*
- iv) Decides that the project report should not go to full public consultation but instead be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs as a resource to assist its review of the Local Government Act.*
- v) Notifies the four city customers of the WRC's wholesale water service accordingly.*
- vi) Requests the Utility Services Committee review operating plans and financial projections for next fiscal year on the basis of integration not proceeding, at least until the review of the Local Government Act is completed and enacted.*

At 10.15am the meeting resolved as follows:

*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Bonner)**That Councillor Buchanan be granted an extension of speaking time.***Amendment***That the Committee:*

- i) Congratulates the Project Group on the quality of the work completed.*

CARRIED on voices**Amendment***That the Committee:*

- ii) Notes the necessary compromises which have been made to facilitate a joint project report.*

CARRIED on voices

Amendment

That the Committee:

- iii) *Notes the risks inherent in the project, particularly the potential of reduced political accountability.*

The above amendment was passed on a division 12 in favour and 1 opposed as follows:

	Ayes	Noes
Councillors	Bonner Buchanan Gibson Laidlaw Long Macaskill McDavitt McQueen Shaw Thomas Turver Werry	Councillor Allen

Amendment

That the Committee:

- iv) *Decides that the project report should go to full public consultation and also be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs as a resource to assist its review of the Local Government Act.*

The above amendment was passed on a division 13 votes in favour as follows:

	Ayes	Noes
Councillors	Allen Bonner Buchanan Gibson Laidlaw Long Macaskill McDavitt McQueen Shaw Thomas	Nil

Turver
Werry

Amendment

That the Committee:

- v) *Notifies the four city customers of the WRC's wholesale water service of the Council's plans on this topic.*

The above amendment was passed on a division 13 votes in favour as follows:

	Ayes	Noes
Councillors	Allen Bonner Buchanan Gibson Laidlaw Long Macaskill McDavitt McQueen Shaw Thomas Turver Werry	Nil

Amendment

That the Committee:

- vi) *Requests that the Utility Services Committee at this stage review operating plans and financial projections for next fiscal year on the basis of integration not proceeding.*

CARRIED

Councillor Gibson and Councillor Thomas dissented.

Amendment

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Thomas)

That the following be inserted as iii) with a subsequent change to the numbering of the amendments above as follows:

- iii) *Agrees that the potential strategic benefits of the project proposals provide a significant advance in the move towards full management integration of the greater Wellington City's water supply and waste water systems.*

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Amendment*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Buchanan)**That the following be inserted as a new iii) above:*

- iii) (a) *That the options proposed by the Project Group merits further consideration and*
- (b) *As a consequence the subsequent clauses be re-numbered.*

CARRIED

Councillor Long dissented.

The motion, as amended, was then put and **CARRIED** ie**Resolved to Recommend****That the Council:**

- (i) **Congratulates the Project Group on the quality of the work completed.**
- (ii) **Notes the necessary compromises which have been made to facilitate a joint project report.**
- (iii) **Notes that the options proposed by the project group merit further consideration.**
- (iv) **Notes the risks inherent in the project, particularly the potential of reduced political accountability.**
- (v) **Decides that the project report should go to full public consultation and also be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs as a resource to assist its review of the Local Government Act.**
- (vi) **Notifies the four city customers of the WRC's wholesale water service of the Council's plans on this topic.**
- (vii) **Requests that the Utility Services Committee at this stage review operating plans and financial projections for next fiscal year on the basis of integration not proceeding.**

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

That the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson of the Utility Services Committee be appointed to the joint consultative subgroup to finalise the consultative document which will then be presented to the Regional Council for approval.

The meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: