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**Report 01.707**

18 September 2001

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**Report of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 18 September 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 McQueen (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Shaw, Shields, Thomas and Werry and Councillor Hutchings (WCC)

**Also Present**

Councillor Gibson

**Officers Present**

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Kennedy, Ms McLachlan, Messrs Morrison, Nugent and Samuel

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

US211 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

US212 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

US213 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Thomas/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the minutes of the public and public excluded meetings held on 5 July 2001, (Report 01.512 and Report PE 01.511), be confirmed.*

**Matters for Information**

US214 **Water Integration**

**Report 01.692**

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*Moved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Laidlaw)*

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the Divisional Manager will, at his discretion, attend further meetings of the group strictly on an observer basis and that his presence will not constitute either participation or commitment in any way.*
- (3) That the Divisional Manager reports on progress to each meeting of the Utility Services Committee and on each occasion his role with the city's group be reviewed.*

*Amendment*

*(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)*

*That the Wellington Regional Council remains positively disposed towards water integration.*

**CARRIED**

The motion, as amended, was then put and **CARRIED**.

Councillor Gibson left at 10.40am.

US215 **Divisional Report**

**Report 01.693**

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**Update on Water Services Agreement (WSA) with Wellington City Council**

Recent correspondence on 'Variation to the Water Services Agreement' between the Regional Council and Wellington City Council was circulated.

The following matters emerged from discussion.

- While acknowledging the distinction between governance and technical and management issues, the Committee encouraged officers to continue to work with the Wellington City Council for a smooth transition of the Water Services Agreement.
- If necessary, Councillor McQueen, Chairperson, Utility Services Committee, and Councillor Hutchings, Chairperson, Transport and Infrastructure Committee, Wellington city Council, agreed to meet to discuss the transition process.
- Councillor Hutchings said he had been unaware of the recent difficulties until today's meeting.

### **Strategy and Asset Group – Hutt, Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Catchments – Consents**

Members noted that surface water consents have been granted for extraction from the streams and rivers in Hutt, Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Catchments. This resulted from a process started over two years ago. Councillor McQueen asked Mr Benham to express the Committee's gratitude to Mr McCarthy, Asset and Quality Manager and his team for a very good outcome.

### **Last Meeting of Triennium**

Councillor McQueen said, with leave of members, he would return to the above part of Mr Benham's Report 01.693 and the recommendation when the remaining business had been concluded.

## **Matter for Recommendation**

US216 **Overview of the Year and the Water Group's Business Report**

**Report 01.690**

File: B/21/3/9

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)</b>
<p>(1) <b>That the report be received and the contents noted.</b></p> <p>(2) <b>That the Report of Business Activity for The Water Group for the year ended June 2001, subject to final audit approval and any minor editorial amendments be adopted.</b></p>	

## **Matters for Decision**

US217 **Manufacture of Fluoridation Products**

**Report 01.686**

File: B/4/6/1

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shaw)*

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the Pure Water Association is advised how the fluoride used by the Council is manufactured.*

US218 **Ministry of Health Water Quality and Risk Initiatives**

**Report 01.670**

File: B/2/8/2

Members asked that the submission include a reference to the question of costs for higher standards and the need for the Ministry of Health to better explain the justification for greater expenditure by suppliers.

Members requested consideration be given to an article on this subject for Elements.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)*

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That the provisional submission to the Ministry of Health on Public Health Risk Management Plans, as amended, be approved.*

US219 **Questions**

There were no questions.

US220 **General**

There were no items of general business.

US221 **Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 01.702**

File: E/6/17/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Laidlaw)*

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

- (1) *Plantation Forestry Annual Report and Harvesting and Replanting Proposals for 2002/2003 Year*
- (2) *Pipeline Purchase*

- (3) *Contract No 1210: OK Main Refurbishment – Randwick to Rahui: Tender Acceptance*

*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>
(1) <i>Plantation Forestry Annual Report and Harvesting and Replanting Proposals for 2002/2003 Year</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 allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities).</i>
(2) <i>Pipeline Purchase</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>
(3) <i>Contract No 1210: OK Main Refurbishment – Randwick to Rahui: Tender Acceptance</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, (2) and (3)*

The open part of the meeting adjourned at 12.05pm.  
The open part of the meeting reconvened at 12.33pm.

US215 **Divisional Report**  
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**Report 01.693**

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Mr Benham said today was the final meeting of the Utility Services Committee for the Triennium and he had enjoyed the support, guidance and advice of members during the past three years.

The governance and management perspectives had worked well, and Mr Benham thanked members for the way they had worked as a team during the past three years.

Mr Benham said Councillors McQueen, Macaskill and Shaw were not standing for the Regional Council in the forthcoming elections and said he would first like to thank Councillor Shaw for his very helpful advice as Deputy Chairperson of the Committee.

Mr Benham also paid special tributes to Councillor McQueen and Councillor Macaskill who were not standing in the forthcoming elections. Both Councillors were presented with gifts which were received by acclamation.

Councillor Macaskill was presented with the gift of a mechanical water level indicator, from the 1920's with a clock mounted in place of the dial. He said he would treasure this fascinating piece of craftsmanship. Councillor Macaskill said the history of water distribution in the Wellington region had a special place in his memory. Maintaining confidence and enhancing the supply of water in recent years could not have been completed without the support and leadership of Mr Benham and his great team.

Councillor McQueen was presented with a flow meter from the 1930's with a clock in place of the dial. In thanking the staff of Utility Services Division said he had enjoyed working with Mr Benham and his team during the past six years. Councillor McQueen also thanked members of the Committee for their support and advice and especially thanked Councillor Hutchings for his liaison role from the Wellington City Council.

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)*

*That the report be received and the contents, including the tabled correspondence with Wellington City Council, be noted.*

The meeting closed at 1.20pm.

CR EUAN McQUEEN  
Chairman

Date:

**Wellington Regional Council – 27 September 2001**

*To be moved:*

**That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 18 September 2001, Items US 211 to US 221 inclusive, be adopted.**