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Report PE 06.309

29 June 2006

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Minutes of the Public Excluded Part of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 29 June 2006 at 10.00 am

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 Buchanan (Chairman), Aitken, Baber, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Turver, Shields, and Wilde

Officers

Benham (Chief Executive), Bradbury, Corry, Cross, Dick, Cutler, Gray, Kennedy, Reay, Turfrey, and Woods.

Public Business

Procedural Items

PEPFS 34 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Long)

That the Committee

Accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Evans.

Matter for Consideration

PEPFS 35 Rail Operating Contract with Toll

Tabled

Supplementary Order Paper dated Thursday 29 June 2006 comprising

- *Philip Fox letter re Rail Funding Contract. Attachment 2 to Report 06.274.*
- *Metlink Bus and Train Fares. Report 06.305.*

Report PE 06.274

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Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee recommends that Council

- (1) Receives the report.**
- (2) Notes the content of the report.**
- (3) Approves entering into a 10 year Rail Operating Contract with Toll NZ Consolidated Ltd on the terms and conditions noted in Section 6 above.**
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to sign the contract on the Council's behalf.**
- (5) Commends the Chief Executive Officer and his team for their hard work and dedication in finalising this contract.**

Note

The Council places on record with the Crown its concerns about the future level of fees from *Ontrack*, and that an urgent solution involving all parties including the Crown is required.

Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)****That the Committee recommends that Council**

- (1) Agrees in principle to the funding arrangement for trolley bus services set out in this report, subject to:**
 - (a) Land Transport New Zealand agreeing to provide 50% of the funding proposed in this Report.**
 - (b) The Commerce Commission closing their investigation without taking further action.**
 - (c) Stagecoach/Infratil agreeing to the proposed funding arrangements.**
 - (d) Stagecoach/Infratil reaching agreement with Vector on lines charges, and that such charges are covered by the proposed funding arrangements.**
- (2) Authorises officers to negotiate a draft Heads of Agreement (if necessary) and a draft contract with Stagecoach/Infratil for the continued provision of trolley bus services in Wellington in accordance with the proposals set out in this Report.**
- (3) Notes that the final Heads of Agreement and the final contract will be brought back to the Council for approval.**
- (4) Confirms its agreement to take over the ownership of the trolley bus overhead wire network from Wellington Cable Cars Limited for \$1.00 with a claw back provision should Greater Wellington's CCTO on-sell the network.**

Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr Baber)****That the Committee recommends that Council**

- (1) Receives the report.**
- (2) Notes the content of the report.**
- (3) Approves the seven selected tenderers for the Puketiro site being invited to submit an Expression of Interest for development of the Stoney Creek site.**

PEPFS 38 **Update on Electrical Multiple Units Purchase****Report PE 06.303**

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Resolved (Cr Greig/Cr Kirton)**That the Committee recommends that Council**

- (1) **Receives the report.**
- (2) **Notes the content of the report.**

PEPFS 39 **Metlink Bus and Train Fares****Tabled***“Fare go” Consultation submissions April-May 2006.* Greater Wellington Regional Council**Report PE 06.305**

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Resolved (Cr Wilde/Cr McDavitt)**That the Committee recommends that Council**

- (1) **Notes that more than 1100 submissions were received in response to the “Fare go!” brochure**
- (2) **Notes the extent to which opposition to the proposed fare increases was related to poor operational performance on the rail system in particular**
- (3) **Notes that, although the “Fare go!” brochure signalled fare increases for most public transport users, the majority of submissions were supportive of the restructuring of fares as outlined in the brochure.**
- (4) **Notes that there are no substantial changes to be made to fares and fare zone boundaries as a result of the submissions received.**
- (5) **Adopts the structure of 14 Metlink fare zones generally as set out in the “Fare go!” brochure.**

(6) **Adopts the following basic fare structure to apply from 1 September 2006;**

No. of Zones	Adult Cash	Child Cash
1	\$1.50	\$1.00
2	\$2.50	\$1.50
3	\$3.50	\$2.00
4	\$4.00	\$2.00
5	\$4.50	\$2.50
6	\$6.00	\$3.00
7	\$7.00	\$3.50
8	\$8.00	\$4.00
9	\$9.00	\$4.50
10	\$10.00	\$5.00
11	\$11.00	\$5.50
12	\$12.00	\$6.00
13	\$13.00	\$6.50
14	\$14.00	\$7.00

(7) **Notes that, pending further work on affordability and timing, no decisions are being made at this stage on the extension of concession fares.**

(8) **Notes that Wellington City Pensioner and Beneficiary fares will be increased along with other fares, and will now be the same as child fares at \$1.00 for one zone, \$1.50 for two zones and \$2.00 for three or more zones.**

(9) **Notes that, for Term 4 of 2006, school term rail tickets will increase in price by 15%, rounded up to the next multiple of \$5.00.**

(10) **Notes that, from the beginning of the 2007 school year, school term rail tickets will be zone-based and priced at 2.5 times the equivalent child monthly ticket price (ie, 60 times the equivalent child cash fare), provided that implementation will be spread over two years where necessary to ensure that no fare increases by more than 50% in any one year.**

Note

Officers were thanked for their efforts in achieving a successful outcome for this exercise.

The meeting was adjourned between 10.39 am and 10.56 am for morning tea.

The public excluded part of the meeting closed at 10.39 am.

Cr I M BUCHANAN
Chairman
Date: