



**Report 07.294**

3 April 2007

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 3 April 2007 at 9.30 am**

**Present**

Councillors Turver (Chairman), Baber, Buchanan, Evans, Laidlaw, McDavitt, Shields, and Mr Rikihana.

**Officers Present**

Corry, Cross, Harper, McLea, Markland, McAlister, Milne, Mossman, Pryce, Reay, Ross, Sinclair, Skene, Taylor, Thawley, van Schalkwyk, Waddy, and Watts

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

E 242      **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

E 243      **Public Participation**

No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting.

E 244      **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Committee*

*Confirms the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2007, Report 07.168.*

## Harbour Matters

There were no harbour matters for consideration.

## Civil Defence Matters

There were no civil defence matters for consideration.

## Environmental Matters

### Matter for Recommendation

#### E 245      **Review of the Resource Management Charging Policy**

**Report 07.139**

File: CMM/01/04/01

Richard Waddy and Stephen Thawley gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)*

*That the Committee:*

1.      *Receives the report and Draft Resource Management Charging Policy.*
2.      *Notes that the Draft Resource Management Charging Policy is a draft document only and will be subject to a Special Consultative Procedure.*
3.      *Recommends to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee the Draft Resource Management Charging Policy be considered and appoint a Subcommittee to hear public submissions and make recommendations to the Council.*

### **Noted**

Officers agreed to provide Committee members with a copy of the *Powerpoint* presentation.

## **Matters for Information**

### **E 246 Divisional Manager's Report**

#### **Report 07.138**

File: E/06/18/03

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents.*

#### **Noted**

Officers were asked to review the “billion tree initiative” and present a report to the next Committee meeting.

### **E 247 Toxic cyanobacteria ‘blooms’ in Wellington’s rivers during 2005/06 – causal factors and management actions and implications**

Juliet Milne and Laura Watts gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

#### **Report 07.130**

File: ENV/05/03/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Evans/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents.*

### **E 248 Wairarapa Groundwater Model: Summary of Phase 1 and Scope for Phase 2**

Douglas McAlister gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

#### **Report 07.136**

File: ENV/05/02/12

*Resolved*

*(Cr Baber/Cr Shields)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents.*

E 249 **National Water Programme of Action**

**Report 07.158**

File: ENV/05/01/17

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*

**Noted**

Officers undertook to provide Mr Rikihana with copies of the relevant documents.

E 250 **Regional Council input into City & District Council Planning**

**Report 07.149**

File: X/26/01/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents.*

E 251 **Decisions on non-notified resource consent applications**

**Report 07.163**

File: ENV/01/08/04

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents.*

E 252 **Pollution control report for the period 19 January 2007 to 9 March 2007**

**Report 07.151**

File: ENV/17/02/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Baber)*

*That the Committee:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents.*

**Other Matters**

E 253 **Questions**

Councillor Evans asked for clarification as to whether Officers are investigating the downstream effect of the inadvertent spraying of cyanobacteria “algae”.

Councillor Evans was advised that the algae is not sprayed. Councillor Evans was also advised that unless otherwise approved for use in water bodies, spray application would typically require resource consent.

E 254 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting was adjourned between 10.46 am and 11.02 am for morning tea, and closed at 12.17 pm

CR C R TURVER  
Chairman

Date: