

Report 99.247

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Record of the Special Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 18 May 1999 at 10.00am

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, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Brennand, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum, Stone, Wright and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 65 *Resolved* *(Chairperson/Cr Allen)*

That the apology from Councillor McQueen be confirmed.

P&F 66 **Public Participation**

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

Matters for Consideration

P&F 67 **Proposed Freshwater Plan Hearing Committee**

Report 99.156

File: X/10/7/4

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)

That Council approve the recommended decisions of the Hearing Committee for the Proposed Regional Freshwater Plan and note that that fact will be publicly notified.

P&F 68 **WRC Submission on Strategic Directions for Local Government to 2010**

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Resolved to Recommend (Cr McDavitt/Cr Thomas)

That the Wellington Regional Council:

- (1) Adopt the attached submission on Strategic Directions for Local Government to 2010 subject to additional changes as discussed at the meeting.**
- (2) Authorise the General Manager to present its contents to the Steering Group of the project.**
- (3) Request the General Manager to develop a follow-up strategy for consideration by Council.**

Morning tea: 10.50am

Resumption: 11.05am

P&F 69 **Size and Composition of Boards of Directors – Council LATEs**

Report 99.218

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Councillor Bonner

The Chairperson said Councillor Bonner had apologised for her early departure from the meeting.

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That the apology from Councillor Bonner be confirmed.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) **That the report be received and the contents noted.**
- (2) **That the Committee recommend to the Council that it approve the following Board sizes/composition for each of Council's 100% owned subsidiaries:**
- WRC Holdings Limited**
- **Stuart Macaskill (Company Chairman)**
 - **Margaret Shields**
 - **Euan McQueen**
 - **Jim Rowe**
 - **Alison Lawson**
- Pringle House Limited**
- **Stuart Macaskill (Company Chairman)**
 - **Margaret Shields**
 - **Euan McQueen**
 - **Jim Rowe**
 - **Alison Lawson**
- Port Investments Limited**
- **Stuart Macaskill (Company Chairman)**
 - **Margaret Shields**
 - **Euan McQueen**
 - **Jim Rowe**
 - **New appointee (Alison Lawson to continue to act until a suitable replacement is found)**
- (3) **That the Committee recommend to Council that it:**
- (a) **note that the Directors of WRC Holdings Limited will need to pass a special resolution to amend the Constitution of Pringle House Limited, increasing the size of the Board from a minimum and maximum of 4, to a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5;**
- (b) **authorise the Chief Financial Officer to provide the Directors of WRC Holdings Limited with Council's consent to the constitutional amendment.**

- (4) That the Committee recommend to Council that it:
- (a) authorise the Chairman to identify a shortlist of suitable external candidates for the position of Director of Port Investments Limited; and
 - (b) note that the Chairman will seek Council approval of the preferred candidate prior to the appointment being made.
- (5) That the Committee note that the Chairman will report back to a future meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee in respect of Directors' fees for the 1999/00 year once the advice of the Institute of Directors has been received.

P&F 70 **Stadium Trust: Quarterly Report to 31 March 1999**

Report 99.235

File: CFO/27/12/2

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Allen/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 71 **Borrowing Approval**

Report 99.234

File: CFO/31/1/1

Resolved to Recommend (Chairperson/Cr Long)

(1) That this report be received and the contents noted.

(2) That the Council authorise the borrowing of up to \$17,000,000 pursuant to a committed funding facility to be provided by the National Bank of New Zealand and on terms and conditions to be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to and in accordance with, section 122ZD(3) of the Local Government Act 1974 (as amended) (the "Act").

(3) Pursuant to section 122ZD(2) of the Act, the borrowing authorised pursuant to Resolution 2:

- shall be for general working capital and cash management purposes of the Council, for capital expenditure purposes of the Council, more particularly described in the Long-term Financial Strategy/Annual Plan of the Council, and for refinancing existing borrowings of the Council;
- will be unsecured, supported by Council's negative Pledge Deed dated 19 May 1998;

- will be for the benefit of the Council and will not give rise to any unreasonable risks for the Council; and
 - is in accordance with the Treasury Management Policy.
- (4) The Chief Financial Officer is authorised, in accordance with the Treasury Management Policy, to negotiate, approve and agree precise terms and conditions of the committed funding facility, with such lenders and on such terms and conditions as considered appropriate and to execute all documentation giving effect to the committed funding facility on behalf of the Council, or to cause such documentation to be executed by the Council under its common seal.

P&F 72 Financial Report for the Nine Months ended 31 March 1999

Report 99.211

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Budget Forecasts

Mr Stone agreed to further examine the budgeting process, in particular the phasing of budgets, over the 12 months of the financial year, to see whether seasonal variances could be predicted more accurately in future.

FIS Project

Mr Schollum said he would report to a later meeting on the progress of the FIS project.

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| Resolved to Recommend | (Chairperson/Cr Turver) |
| <p>(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.</p> <p>(2) That the revised forecast figures to 30 June 1999 (termed 'outlook' within the March financial statements) replace the forecast figures prepared as part of the half year review.</p> | |

P&F 73 Year 2000 Expenditure

Report 99.212

File: CFO 26/2

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| Resolved to Recommend | (Cr Allen/Cr Thomas) |
| <p>That the report be received and the contents noted.</p> | |

P&F 74 **Elected Members' Advertising****Report 99.237**

File: E/5/1/1

Late Item

The Chairperson said the item 'Elected Members' Advertising' was a late report and should be considered today rather than await 6 weeks for the next meeting of Council.

*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)*

That the item 'Elected Members' Advertising' be considered today.

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

That Council approve this proposal for improving public knowledge and understanding of Regional Council activities and issues through increased accessibility to Regional Councillors

P&F 75 **Exclusion of the Public***(A) Moved**(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)*

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

Port Wellington Convertible Notes

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:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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*Port Wellington
Convertible Notes*

Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations.

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceeding of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (to carry on commercial activities)

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, or 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

Carried

The above motion was put and **Carried** 11 votes in favour and 1 vote opposed after a division as follows:

Ayes

Councillors

Allen
Buchanan
Laidlaw
Long
Macaskill
McDavitt
Shaw
Shields
Thomas
Turver
Werry

Noes

Councillor Gibson

(B) Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)

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

- (1) Stadium Trust: Governance Issues*
- (2) Stadium trust: 1999/00 Business Plan*

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:

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| (1) Stadium Trust: Governance Issues | <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 proceeding of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (to carry on commercial activities)</i> |
| (2) Stadium Trust: 1999/00 Business Plan | <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 proceeding of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (to carry on commercial activities)</i> |

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Wellington Regional Council (B) (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.05pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: