

Report 99.759

9 December 1999

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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 Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 9.40am

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, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum, Stone, Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 152 Apologies

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)

That the apology from Councillor McQueen be confirmed.

Reports of Committees

P&F 153 Landcare Committee – 23 November 1999

Report 99.707

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 23 November 1999, Item LC 113, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 154 Investing in the Future

Report 99.731

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Focus Group Reports

Members noted that a copy of the Executive Summary of the report from the Focus Groups had been circulated.

Jo Lynch and Mary-Jane Rivers, Consultants, Rivers O'Regan-Lynch, gave a presentation and answered questions from members.

The Chairperson said that the Regional Council appreciated the work that had been completed by the Consultants.

Moved

(Cr Allen/Cr Long)

That the recommendations as set out in Report 99.731 be approved.

Amendment

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Turver)

That the 'Communications Programme' mentioned in item 5 of Report 99.731 be instituted in parallel with the other elements in the process.

Carried

Amendment

(Cr Gibson/Cr Bonner)

That serious consideration be given to the next workshop on "Investing in the Future" being open to the public.

The above amendment was **lost** on a vote by a show of hands 2 votes in favour and 9 votes opposed.

The motion as amended was then put and **carried**.

Resolved to Recommend**That Council:**

- (1) Instructs officers to develop 10 year business plans for consideration by Council in February 2000 based on the indicative programme in Appendix One to Report 99.731 and following the themes in this Report.
- (2) Notes that the business plans and Long Term Financial Strategy will be prepared on the basis of the Treasury Management Policy and the Funding Policy adopted for that purpose on 2 November 1999.
- (3) That further information on the impact of the indicative ten year programme be prepared and presented once the draft ten year business plans have been prepared.
- (4) That the 'Communications Programme' mentioned in item 5 of Report 99.731 be instituted in parallel with the other elements in the process.

P&F 155 **Summary of 1999 Audit – Report from Audit New Zealand****Report 99.723**

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Resolved to Recommend**(Cr Long/Cr Laidlaw)****That the Report be received and the contents noted.****Resolved to Recommend****(Cr Allen/Cr Gibson)****That Council recognises the consistent high level of financial management which gives constant satisfaction to Councillors.**P&F 156 **Triennial Regional Constituency Review****Report 99.662**

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

- (1) That a Constituency Review Subcommittee be appointed for the purpose of conducting the triennial review of Council membership and constituency boundaries.
- (2) That the Subcommittee Terms of Reference, as set out in paragraph 3.2 of this Report, be approved.
- (3) That the subcommittee consist of at least one Councillor from each consistency.

Resolved to Recommend	(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)
(1) That the following Councillors be appointed as members of the Constituency Review Subcommittee:	
• Councillor Turver	Kapiti constituency
• Councillor Shields	Porirua constituency
• Councillor Gibson & McQueen	Wellington constituency
• Councillor Allen	Lower Hutt constituency
• Councillor Macaskill	Upper Hutt constituency
• Councillor Long	Wairarapa constituency
(2) That Councillor Gibson chair the Subcommittee.	

The motion was voted on in 2 parts, with part (2) being **carried** by a show of hands 9 in favour and 2 opposed.

P&F 157 Review of the RISC Group

Report 99.732

File: E/5/1/1

Attendance at Working Group Meetings

Members noted that all Councillors would be invited to future meetings of the Working Group.

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Werry/Cr Buchanan)
That a review of the Regional Issues and Strategic Communications Working Group takes place early in 2000.	

Councillor Bonner abstained.

P&F 158 Year 2000 Meeting Programme

Report 99.684

File: E/6/2/2

Moved

(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)

That, except for the Transport Committees, the proposed Meeting Programme for the year 2000 be adopted.

Amendment

(Cr Gibson/Cr Bonner)

That the scheduling of all Transport Committee meetings be deferred for consideration at the next Council meeting (presently scheduled for 1 February 2000).

Carried

The motion as amended was then put and **carried**.

Moved

(Cr Long/Cr McDavitt)

That the Policy and Finance Committee continue to be treated as a "Special" Committee.

Carried

Resolved to Recommend

- (1) **That, except for the Transport Committees, the proposed meeting programme for the Year 2000 be adopted.**
- (2) **That the Policy and Finance Committee continue to be treated as a "Special" Committee.**
- (3) **That the scheduling of all Transport Committee meetings be deferred for consideration at the next Council meeting (presently scheduled for 1 February 2000).**

P&F 159 **Emergency Committee Over Christmas/New Year Holiday Period**

Report 99.736

File: E/6/9/2

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)

- (1) **That a subcommittee be set up, consisting of the Council Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and General Manager (or his nominee) to act as an Emergency Committee over the Christmas/New Year holiday period, with power to act.**
- (2) **That Councillors Allen and McDavitt be appointed, either one of whom to deputise in the absence of the Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson.**
- (3) **That the General Manager be authorised to nominate other persons to deputise for him.**
- (4) **That any decisions taken by the sub-committee over the period concerned be reported to the first meeting of the Wellington Regional Council in 2000.**

P&F 160 **Port Investments Ltd –Retained Earnings****Report 99.724**

File: CFO/9/1/1

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Turver/Cr Long)
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That the Report be received and the contents noted.
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P&F 161 **Financial Information Systems (FIS) Update****Report 99.730**

File: G/11/2/2

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)
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That the Report be received and the contents noted.
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P&F 162 **Financial Report for the Quarter Ended 30 September 1999****Report 99.735**

File: G/4/1/5

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)
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That the Report be received and the contents noted.
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P&F163 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 99.737

*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)*

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

Report of the public excluded part of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 23 November 1999

- (1) Chrystalls Stopbank Upgrade: Purchase of Stage 2 Land – Williams Family Farm Limited*
- (2) Forest Exit Strategy: Scoping Study*

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:

General subject of each matter to be considered: Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

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| (1) | <i>Chrystalls Stopbank Upgrade: Purchase of Stage 2 Land – Williams Family Farm Limited</i> | <i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</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 negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage).</i> |
| (2) | <i>Forest Exit Strategy: Scoping Study</i> | <i>To enable the Council 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) and (2)

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: