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3 April 2007

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Report 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

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for information of the Council are in italic type

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.*

<p>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.</p>

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.

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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:

Wellington Regional Council – 8 May 2007

To be moved:

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 3 April 2007, items E242 to E254 inclusive.