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4 March 2003

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Record of the Special Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 4 March 2003 at 9.30am

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 Shields (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Thomas, Turver, Werry and Yardley

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Cutler, Darroch, Forlong, Laplanche, Saywell, Schollum, Stone, Wright and Drs Bradbury, Hastie and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PF&S 105 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)

That the apology for lateness from Councillor Evans be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

PF&S 106 **Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 – Chief Financial Officer’s Report**

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Councillor Evans arrived at 9.40am.

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)
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That the report be received and the contents noted.

The final recommendation in the Chief Financial Officer's report will be considered when decisions have been made on the other Business Plans reports.

PF&S 107 **Finance and Administration: Proposed Business Plan 2003-2013**

Report 03.69

File: CFO/7/6/11

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Yardley/Cr Aitken)
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That Council:

- (1) receive the report and note its contents.**
- (2) note that the proposed business plan for the Finance and Administration division includes proposed operating plans for the following departments:**
 - Finance**
 - IT and Support Services**
 - Chief Financial Officer**
- (3) note that officers are not recommending any changes to the proposed business plan for the Finance and Administration division.**
- (4) approve the proposed business plan for the Finance and Administration division for inclusion in the Council’s proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council’s 2003/04 Annual Plan)**

PF&S 108 **General Manager: Proposed Business Plan 2003-2013**

Report 03.67

File: CFO/7/6/11

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Aitken/Cr McDavitt)
That Council:	
(1) receive the report and note its contents.	
(2) note that officers are recommending that the proposed Business Plan for the General Manager be changed to remove the economic development budget of \$350,000 for the nine years commencing 2004/05.	
(3) approve the proposed Business Plan for the General Manager (including the amendment in (2) above) for inclusion in the Council's proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council's 2003/04 Annual Plan).	

PF&S 109 **Corporate Advisory Services: Proposed Business Plan 2003-2013**

Report 03.84

File: SP/01/02/01

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Long/Cr McDavitt)
That Council:	
(1) receive the report and note its contents.	
(2) note that the proposed business plan for the Corporate Advisory Services division includes proposed operating plans for the following departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Relations • Communications • Corporate Policy • Corporate Policy Manager 	
(3) note that officers are recommending the deletion of \$50,000 for "advocacy" from the Corporate Policy budget.	
(4) approve the proposed business plan for the Corporate Advisory Services Division (including the amendment in (2) above) for inclusion in the Council's proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council's 2003/04 Annual Plan).	

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)

That the officers prepare for formal approval by the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee an overall strategic framework for the Council's Communications Plan in which the proposed \$325,000 for social marketing can be identified.

PF&S 110 **Investment in Democracy: Proposed Operating Plan 2003-2013**

Report 03.82

File: CS/4/1/1

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Yardley/Cr Aitken)

That Council:

- (1) receive the report and note its contents.
- (2) note that officers are recommending that the allocation of \$50,000 for regional advocacy and \$350,000 for economic development initiatives be deleted from the Investment in Democracy Operating Plan 2003-2013.
- (3) approve the proposed Investment in Democracy Operating Plan (including the amendments in (2) above) for inclusion in the Council's proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council's 2003/04 Annual Plan).

Councillor Thomas dissented.

PF&S 111 **Landcare Division: Proposed Business Plan 2003-2013**

Report 03.83

File: LM/03/05/01

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Buchanan)

That Council:

- (1) receive the report and note its contents.
- (2) note that the Proposed Business Plan for the Landcare Division includes proposed operating plans for the following departments:
 - Parks and Forests
 - Flood Protection
- (3) note that officers are not recommending any changes to the proposed business plan for the Landcare Division.
- (4) approve the proposed Business Plan for the Landcare Division for inclusion in the Council's Proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council's 2003/04 Annual Plan).

PF&S 112 **Wairarapa Division: Proposed Business Plan 2003-2013**

Report 03.77

File: Y/2/1/1

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Long/Cr Turver)
That Council:	
(1) receive the report and note its contents.	
(2) note that the Proposed Business Plan for the Wairarapa Division includes proposed operating plans for the following departments:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biosecurity • River Management • Land Management • Planning and Resources 	
It also incorporates the Wairarapa Division Business Units Operating Budget 2003-2013.	
(3) note that officers are not recommending any changes to the proposed business plan for the Wairarapa Division.	
(4) approve the proposed Business Plan for the Landcare Division for inclusion in the Council's Proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council's 2003/04 Annual Plan).	

PF&S 113 **Environment Division: Proposed Business Plan 2003-2013**

Report 03.59

File: E/6/18/3

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)
That Council:	
(1) receive the report and note its contents.	
(2) note that the Proposed Business Plan for the Environment Division includes the following proposed Operating Plans :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Co-ordination Department • Resource Policy Department • Consents Management Department • Resource Investigations Department • Emergency Management Department • Harbours Department 	

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| <p>(3) delete the \$100,000 included for an additional staff member for the Take Charge Programme (commencing in 2004/05).</p> <p>(4) approve the proposed Business Plan for the Environment Division (including the amendment in (3) above) for inclusion in the Council's Proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council's 2003/04 Annual Plan).</p> |
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PF&S 114 Transport Division: Proposed Business Plan 2003-2013

Report 03.33

File: E/6/19/3

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| <p>Resolved to Recommend</p> <p>That Council:</p> <p>(1) receive the report and note its contents.</p> <p>(2) note that the proposed Business Plan for the Transport Division includes proposed operating plans for the following departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport Procurement • Transport Service Design • Access Planning <p>(3) note that officers are recommending that the proposed Business Plan for the Transport Division be amended by applying the \$650,000 Transport reserve equally in the 2003/04 and 2004/05 years rather than just the 2003/04 year.</p> <p>(4) approve the proposed Business Plan for the Transport Division (including the amendment in (3) above) for inclusion in the Council's Proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council's 2003/04 Annual Plan).</p> | <p>(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)</p> |
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PF&S 115 Utility Services Division – Greater Wellington Water: Proposed Business Plan 2003-2013

Report 03.80

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| <p>Resolved to Recommend</p> <p>That Council:</p> <p>(1) receive the report and note its contents.</p> <p>(2) note that officers are not recommending any changes to the proposed business plan for the Greater Wellington Water.</p> <p>(3) approve the proposed Business Plan for Greater Wellington Water for inclusion in the Council's Proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council's 2003/04 Annual Plan).</p> | <p>(Cr Aitken/Cr Evans)</p> |
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PF&S 116 **Investments – Financial Forecasts 2003-2013****Report 03.68**

File: CFO/7/6/11

Moved

(Cr Werry/Cr Evans)

That no Forestry dividend be paid in the 2003/2004 year.

LOST**LOST** by 4 votes to 9 on a show of hands.**Resolved to Recommend****(Cr Yardley/Cr Aitken)****That Council:**

- (1) receive the report and note its contents.**
- (2) note that the investment forecasts include the following areas:**
 - Bank Deposits**
 - WRC Holdings Group**
 - Administration Properties**
 - Treasury**
 - Forestry and Business Unit Dividends**
 - Regional Stadium**
- (3) note that officers are recommending the draft ten year Investment financial forecasts are amended to reflect the revised debt repayment profile on the RCC, in addition to any other than consequential changes as a result of changes to divisional business plans.**
- (4) approve the draft ten year Investment financial forecasts (as amended in (3) above) for inclusion in the Council's Proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council's 2003/04 Annual Plan).**

PF&S 117 **Remuneration of Elected Members****Report 03.79**

File: E/5/2/3

Resolved to Recommend**(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)****That Council:**

- (1) adopts the new remuneration and expenses basis to be determined by the Commission to come into effect from 1 July 2003.**
- (2) bases the new remuneration regime on salary only with no meeting fees.**

- (3) pays the following annual salaries:
- Council Deputy Chairperson \$65,218
 - Committee Chairperson \$62,500
 - Councillors \$40,761
- (4) includes guidance in the Code of Conduct to be developed under the Local Government Act 2002 on expectations for Councillors' attendance at meetings, availability to the public, and general performance of the role of an elected local authority representative.
- (5) proposes to the Higher Salaries Commission that 12% of the cost of the Chairperson's car, inclusive of GST, be deducted from the Chairperson's salary to allow for the private use of a motor vehicle.
- (6) adopts the Proposed Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses – Greater Wellington Regional Council included as Attachment 3 to the Report.
- (7) continues to pay Appointed Members and Iwi representatives on Ara Tahi daily meeting allowances at the current rate and that from 1 July 2003 it pay them mileage rates at the same rate approved for Councillors by the Higher Salaries Commission.
- (8) notes that the Higher Salaries Commission will set the remuneration for statutory hearings and that this is likely to be \$60 per hour.

PF&S 106 Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 – Chief Financial Officer's
(contd) Report

Report 03.85

File: CFO/7/6/11

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That Council approve for inclusion in the Council's proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council's 2003/04 Annual Plan) the projected rates and levy figures included within Attachment 2 of this report.

PF&S 118 **Treasury Management Policy****Report 03.81**

File: CFO/31/5/1

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Kirton./Cr Buchanan)
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That Council:

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| <p>(1) receive the report and note its contents.</p> <p>(2) approve the revised Treasury Management Policy (dated March 2003) and note that the revised Policy will be subject to public consultation as part of the LTCCP process.</p> |
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PF&S 119 **Financial Report for the Seven Months ended 31 January 2003****Report 03.40**

File: G/4/1/5 & CFO/13/2/1

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)
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That Council:

receive the report and note its contents.
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PF&S 120 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 03.87***Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Kirton)*

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

- (1) Utility Services Division – Plantation Forestry: Proposed Business Plan 2003-2013*
- (2) Containerising of Water for Emergency Supply*

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>
<i>(1) Utility Services Division – Plantation Forestry: Proposed Business Plan 2003-2013</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial)</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 commercial negotiations)</i>
<i>(2) Containerising of Water for Emergency Supply</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial)</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 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:

The Greater Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.40am.

Cr MK SHIELDS
Chairperson
Date: