



Report 03.733

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**Record of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy
Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 11 December 2003 at
9.30am**

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and italic type. Matters for Information of Council are in a box.

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, Harmer, Harris, Laplanche, Pryce and Wright, and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PF&S 209 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

- (1) *Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)

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

- (1) *The Future of Suburban Passenger Rail Services – The Next Steps*
- (2) *Performance Agreement for Chief Executive*
- (3) *Naming of Walkway*
- (4) *Report of Public Excluded Reconvened Meeting of Environment Committee – 3 December 2003:*

Consideration of Written Submissions on the Proposed Navigation and Safety Bylaws, and the determination of any necessary changes to the Draft Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2003

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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(1) <i>The Future of Suburban Passenger Rail Services – The Next Steps</i>	<i>Because of the need to preserve commercial confidentiality</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 because of the need to preserve commercial confidentiality)</i>
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(2) <i>Performance Agreement for Chief Executive</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial) and to protect the privacy of natural persons</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 and to protect the privacy of natural persons).</i>
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- (3) *Naming of Walkway* Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial) and to protect the privacy of natural persons 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 and to protect the privacy of natural persons).
- (4) *Consideration of Written Submissions on the Proposed Navigation and Safety Bylaws, and the determination of any necessary changes to the Draft Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2003* Because of the need to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of the opinions by the Council members 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 because of the need to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of the opinions by the Council members).

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), (2), (3) and (4)

- (2) *Resolved* (Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)

That Mr W Donnelly, Transfund New Zealand and Mr B Wattie, PriceWaterhouse Coopers, be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, for the item The Future of Suburban Passenger Rail Services – The Next Steps because of their knowledge. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of Mr Donnelly’s position at Transfund New Zealand and Mr Wattie’s position at PriceWaterhouse Coopers.

The open part of the meeting adjourned at 9.05am.

The open part of the meeting reconvened at 11.35am.

Matters for Consideration

PF&S 211 Summary of 2003 Audit – Report from Audit New Zealand

Report 03.722

File: CFO/4/1/14

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

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

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

(2) That Mr Schollum and his team be congratulated for their outstanding performance.

PF&S 212 Financial Report for the Three Months ended 30 September 2003

Report 03.711

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

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

PF&S 213 Financial Report for the Four Months ended 31 October 2003

Report 03.712

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

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

PF&S 214 *Be the Difference* Campaign – Further Information

Report 03.729

File: CM/11/04/14

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That officers report back, as part of the Annual Plan process, on whether:

(1) Social Monitoring costs be met by the rates line and,

(2) The water levy meet the costs whether in the short or long term of any water conservation campaigns.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Councillors Aitken, Barr and Thomas dissented.

Councillor Long left at 12.00 noon.

PF&S 215 **Proposed Navigation and Safety Bylaws:**

(1) Report 03.713

File: E/6/18/2

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

That the report of the reconvened meetings of the Environment Committee held on 27 November 2003 and 3 December 2003, Items E 265 and E 266, be received.

(2) Report 03.714

File: J/01/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

(1) That the report be received.

(2) That it be noted that officers will write to submitters giving the Council's decisions on their requests and the reasons for those decisions, and send submitters a copy of the bylaws once they become available.

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)
(3) That the proposed Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2003 (included as Attachment 1 to this report) be adopted.	
(4) That it set the date at which the bylaws will come into force at 22 December 2003 and that public notice be given on 13 December 2003 to that effect.	

PF&S 216 **Submission on the Greater Wellington Regional Cycling Strategy – August 2003**

Report 03.690

File: TP/3/2/6

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr McDavitt/Cr Laidlaw)
(1) That the draft submission to the Greater Wellington Regional Cycling Strategy be adopted.	
(2) That the adopted submission be sent to the Regional Land Transport Committee.	

PF&S 217 **Walking Access to the New Zealand Outdoors: Report of the Land Access Ministerial Reference Group**

Report 03.716

File: X/08/03/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Aitken)

(1) That the report be received.

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Buchanan/Cr Aitken)
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<p>(2) That the submission (included as Attachment 1 to this report) sent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, be ratified.</p>
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Councillor Barr abstained.

PF&S 218 **Year 2004 Meeting Schedule**

Report 03.728

File: E/6/2/2

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Evans)

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

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr Kirton/Cr Evans)
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<p>(2) That the proposed schedule of meetings for Council and Committees for the 2004 calendar year be adopted.</p>
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PF&S 219 **Local Governance Statement**

Report 03.731

File: E/01/07/01

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Laidlaw)

(1) That the document: How You Can Have Your Say – Greater Wellington Regional Council’s Local Governance Statement, with minor modifications, be received.

(2) That the contents of the document be noted.

(3) That council officers will update the document from time to time as appropriate, be noted.

The Chairperson noted that *Local Government New Zealand* was coordinating information, including timetables, for the various agencies involved in the election in 2004.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Cr MK SHIELDS
Chairperson

Date: