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Report PE03.734

11 December 2003

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Record of the Public Excluded Part 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 at 9.35am

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

Also Present

Mr W Donnelly, Transfund New Zealand and Mr B Wattie, PriceWaterhouse Coopers

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Cutler, Darroch, Forlong, Harmer, Harris, Laplanche, Pryce, Schollum, Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PEPFS 51 Apologies

There were no apologies.

Matters for Consideration

PEPFS 52 **The Future of Suburban Passenger Rail Services – The Next Steps**

Report PE 03.717

File: CFO/43/1/1

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Donnelly, Transfund New Zealand, and thanked him for his attendance to answer questions on the Future of Suburban Passenger Rail Services in Wellington.

Mr Donnelly summarised Transfund New Zealand's resolution of 27 November 2003 which supported a capital funding contribution to Greater Wellington Regional Council for the development of Rail Services. Mr Donnelly also explained the role of the Transfund Committee appointed to liaise with Greater Wellington Regional Council and answered questions from members.

At 10.05am the Chairperson thanked Mr Donnelly for the way he had answered questions and noted the value of his comments. Members were now better informed to consider the recommendations before today's meeting. The Chairperson also asked Mr Donnelly to convey the Council's warmest greetings to the members of the Transfund New Zealand Board.

Mr Donnelly then left the meeting.

Moved

(Cr Yardley/Cr Aitken)

That the six recommendations as set out in Report PE 03.717, be approved.

Amendment

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the Joint Venture Option be no longer pursued as Council's preferred option.

CARRIED

Amendment

(Cr Thomas/Cr Kirton)

That recommendation 4 in Report PE 03.717 be amended, by deleting the words following 'rail services' in the third line so that it reads as follows:

"Request officers to engage in further discussions with Toll Holdings covering Council's contractual relationship with Toll Holdings for passenger rail services".

The above amendment was lost on a division 2 votes in favour and 11 votes opposed as follows:

	Ayes	Noes
Councillors	Kirton Thomas	Aitken Barr Buchanan Evans Laidlaw Long McDavitt Shields Turver Werry Yardley

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

Councillors Kirton and Thomas dissented.

The amended motion is as follows:

Resolved to Recommend to Council

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.**
- (2) That the action taken by officers be endorsed in suspending the Council's search for a new passenger rail operator, while the future ownership of key assets necessary to run the service, and the pricing of such use, remains uncertain.**
- (3) That officers be requested to engage in further discussions with Government officials over the future track access arrangements for passenger rail services in the region, with a view to protecting, as far as possible, the Council's interests.**
- (4) That officers be requested to engage in further discussions with Toll Holdings covering both Council's contractual relationship with Toll Holdings for passenger rail services, and the potential for the Council to take an ownership interest in the key assets of Tranz Metro Wellington, including rolling stock, stations and track access rights.**
- (5) That officers be requested to continue to liaise with Transfund NZ officials and/or the Transfund Committee established to further investigate the development of passenger rail services in the region.**
- (6) That officers be requested to report back to the Committee as soon as practicable in 2004, once discussions with Toll Holdings have reached a stage where the Council can consider the next steps with respect to passenger rail in the region, including consulting fully with the regional community**
- (7) That the Joint Venture Option be no longer pursued as Council's preferred option.**

PEPFS 54 Naming of Walkway

Report PE 03.732

File: CFO/27/12/02

Resolved to Recommend to Council	(Cr Yardley/Cr Evans)
(1)	That the information be received.
(2)	That it be agreed to support the naming of the elevated walkway to the Westpac Regional Stadium as the “Wilde Walk” (incorporating the display of signage to this effect) in recognition of the significant role that Fran Wilde has played in the development not only of the Stadium but also Wellington City
(3)	That it be agreed to request, jointly with Wellington City Council as co-settler, the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust to approach Westpac to confirm their commitment to amend their naming rights agreement to allow the elevated walkway to be named the “Wilde Walk”.
(4)	That it be agreed, subject to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust confirming its approval and getting confirmation from Westpac of its commitment to the proposed naming, that an announcement be made to the media jointly by the Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington, the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust and Westpac as soon as possible thereafter.

PEPFS 55 Report of Public Excluded Reconvened Meeting of Environment Committee held 3 December 2003

Report PE 03.732

File: CFO/27/12/02

Resolved to Recommend to Council	(Cr Buchanan/Cr Shields)
That the Public Excluded Report of the Reconvened Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 3 December 2003, Items PE E 267 to PE E 269 be received.	

All officers left the meeting at 10.55am.

PEPFS 53 **Performance Agreement for Chief Executive****Report PE 03.726**

File: GM/04/01/10

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)**That Mr Harris's performance objectives for 2003/04 be as specified in the Appendix of Report PE 03.726 ("Performance Agreement 2003/04 – Mr Barry Harris, Chief Executive").****Resolved to Recommend to Council (Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)****That the Performance Agreement be reviewed by the Councillors, who were members of the Chief Executive Recruitment Subcommittee, prior to April 2004 and reported back for discussion to full Council.**

The public excluded part of the meeting closed at 11.20am.

Cr MK SHIELDS
Chairperson

Date: