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Report of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday 21 August 2007 at 9.36 am

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 Kirton (Chairperson), Aitken, Buchanan, Greig, and Long.

Officers Present

Cox, Kennedy, Laidlow, Leonard, Reay, Sells, and Shaw.

Also Present

Peter O'Brien, O'Brien Property Services.

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 103 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

Accepts the apologies for absence from Councillors Glensor and Laidlaw, and the apology for lateness from Councillor Aitken.

US 104 **Public Participation**

No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting.

US 105 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee

Confirms minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2007, Report 07.483.

Matter for Information

US 106 **Divisional report for period ended 31 July 2007**

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Resolved

(Cr Aitken/Cr Long)

That the Committee

(1) Receives the report.

(2) Notes the content of the report.

Other Matters

US 107 **Questions**

There were no questions.

US 108 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

US 109 **Exclusion of the Public**

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Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Long)

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

Akatarawa Forest: Proposal to Dispose of Land for Road (Transmission Gully Motorway) by way of Exchange

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>To seek the Utility Services Committee endorsement to proceed with the land disposal for the purpose of a public work on the basis of an exchange of land.</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to Greater Wellington entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with Transit NZ for the disposal of Council land and acquirement of Transit NZ land in compensation. The Memorandum of Agreement has not yet been entered into. The report outlines terms of the proposed agreement which may still be negotiated. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council if further negotiations were to take place. The Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.</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 under section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations).</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

2. *Permit Peter O'Brien to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge of the Memorandum of Agreement. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because it is the subject of the report*

The open part of the meeting closed at 9.45 am.

CR R S KIRTON

Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 27 September 2007

To be moved:

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 21 August 2007, items US 103 to US 109.