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## **Report 99.168**

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**Record of the Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 8 April 1999 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 Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

### **Officers Present**

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum, Stone, Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

## **Public Business**

### **Procedural Items**

P&F 55      **Apologies**

There were no apologies

P&F 56      **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

## Matter for Consideration

P&F 57     **Submission on the Draft New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy**

**Report 99.142**

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**Resolved to Recommend** **(Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)**

- (1)     That the submission on the Draft New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy, subject to the suggestions made at the meeting, be approved.**
- (2)     The Chairman, Environment Committee and the Divisional Manager, Environment, be authorised to approve any minor editorial changes.**

P&F 58     **Proposed Policy on Payment for Consultation with Iwi when the Council is an Applicant for a Resource Consent**

**Report 99.145**

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Members agreed that the first sentence in 2(1) in Attachment 1 to Report 99.145, page 1 of 3, be amended to read as follows:

*The Council will attach paramount importance to consultation with Tangata Whenua in its preparation of all resource consent applications.*

**Resolved to Recommend** **(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)**

- (1)     When Council is an applicant for a resource consent, it consults with Iwi in accordance with the approach set out in Attachment 1.**
- (2)     This approach be considered as interim pending further investigation of funding for Maori participation.**

P&F 59     **Possum Control Operation: Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Water Collection Areas**

**Report 99.154**

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**Resolved to Recommend** **(Cr McQueen/Cr Werry)**

- (1)     That the report be received and its contents noted.**
- (2)     That, subject to the WRC and the Medical Officer of Health granting consent for the operation to proceed, the Council endorse the possum control operation in the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo catchments proceeding.**

P&F 60 **Special Order – Regional Transport Rates**

**Report 99.134**

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Mr Maguire agreed to provide further background information to the previously agreed change to Regional Transport Rate differentials. This would also include information why the Wellington Residential Transport Rate differential is increasing while the Commercial CBD Transport Rate differential decreases.

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)</b>
<p>(1) That the statutory process to vary the Regional Transport Rate differentials be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the special meeting on 29 April will consider these changes be noted.</p>	

P&F 61 **Preparation for the Year 2000 - Update**

**Report 99.155**

File: IM/10/6/1

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)</b>
<p><b>That the report be received and the contents noted.</b></p>	

Morning tea: 11.05am

Resumption: 11.20am

P&F 62 **Financial Report for the Eight Months ended 28 February 1999**

**Report 99.130**

File: G/4/1/5

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Cr Turver/Cr McQueen)</b>
<p><b>That the report be received and the contents noted.</b></p>	

P&F 63 **Elected Members' Advertising**

**Report 99.160**

File: E/5/1/1

**Moved**

*(Cr Shields/Cr McQueen)*

*That Regional Issues and Strategic Communications group recommends that the Policy and Finance Committee.*

- (a) *Endorse the allocation of \$2,000 annually per Councillor for placement of politically neutral Councillors' constituency advertising.*



- (b) *Agree that Councillors from multiple member constituencies should be able to advertise as a group, if they agree.*
- (c) *That an individual Councillor not be able to transfer his/her entitlement to another Councillor or to another financial year.*
- (d) *Agree that no such advertising be placed in the financial year of a local authority general election, prior to the election, or in the case of a by-election from the date of a returning officers' declaration of the date of an election.*
- (e) *Review the effectiveness of the advertising after a 6 month trial period.*
- (f) *That a submission be made to the Policy and Finance Subcommittee seeking an increase of \$28,000 to the Elected Members' Budget – Item – Advertising.*

The above motion was put and **LOST** 6 votes in favour and 8 votes opposed after a division as follows:

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>
Crs	Laidlaw	Allen
	Macaskill	Bonner
	Shaw	Buchanan
	Shields	Gibson
	Thomas	Long
	Turver	McDavitt
		McQueen
		Werry

**P&F 64 Exclusion of the Public**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Allen)*

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

- (1) *Port Wellington – Development of Exit Strategy*
- (2) *Plantation and Reserve Forestry: An Exit Strategy*

*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:*

*General subject of Reason for passing this Ground under section 48(1) each matter to be resolution in relation to for the passing of this considered: each resolution*

- (1) *Port Wellington – Because of the need to That the public conduct of the Development of carry on commercial whole or the relevant part of Exit Strategy negotiations. the proceeding of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (to carry on commercial activities)*
- (2) *Plantation and Because of the need to That the public conduct of the Reserve Forestry: carry on commercial whole or the relevant part of An Exit Strategy negotiations. the proceeding of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (to carry on commercial activities)*

*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, or 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..*

*Wellington Regional Council (1) & (2)*

Councillor Gibson was absent from the room when the vote on the exclusion of the public was taken.

The open part of the meeting closed at 11.30am.

Cr S A MACASKILL  
Chairperson

Date:

