

**Report 00.99**

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**Report of the Special Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 23 February 2000, 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 Werry (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, Macaskill, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Thomas and Turver

**Officers Present**

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Cameron, Dick, Ms Edwards and Messrs Paul, Tryon and van Dyk

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

LC136 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)*

*That the apologies of Cr Macaskill for lateness be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

### LC137 Investing in the Future : the Ten Year LTFS, and the Annual Plan 2000/01

#### (1) Report of Council Chairperson

##### Report 00.79

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Committee*

- (1) Receive the report and note its contents.*
- (2) Note that Council, on the recommendation of the Policy and Finance Committee, has resolved that in the preparation of the Ten Year Long Term Financial Strategy and Annual Plan, Committees consider both their own plans and budgets, and the evolution of those plans and budgets within the context of sustaining and enhancing the biophysical and human environment of the Region.*

#### (2) Report of Chief Financial Officer

##### Report 00.72

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Shields/Cr McQueen)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

### LC138 Landcare Division : Draft Business Plans 2000-2010

##### Report 00.76

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Cr Macaskill joined the meeting at 9.40am.

Mr Gilbert joined the meeting at 9.53am.

Morning Tea: 10.50am

Resumed: 11.10am

Members noted the functional area name change of *Parks and Forests* but had reservations about *River Environments*.

Cr Shields left the meeting at 11.25am.

Members again noted the need for careful consultation on decommissioning the Queen Elizabeth Park boating pond.

Cr Thomas moved:

*That the Landcare Committee support the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee's recommendation that \$4 million p.a. be spent for flood protection capital works in the western region.*

The motion was not seconded and therefore **lapsed**. The meeting noted the provisions of Standing Order 93(b) but agreed that in this instance the requirements of the Standing Order be suspended.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr McQueen)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the following proposed Operating Plans, as amended, be approved in principle:*
  - Flood Protection*
  - Parks and Forests.*

<p><b>Resolved to Recommend</b></p>
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<p><b>(3) That the proposed Operating Plans for the above activities be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee for inclusion in the Council's proposed Long Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010 (incorporating Council's 2000-01 Annual Plan).</b></p>
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- (4) (i) That the Landcare Committee give priority to reviewing the Forest Lands Management Plan, involving other standing committees as appropriate;*
- (ii) That particular attention be given to determining the future use of the various areas and forestry blocks, and the justification for WRC continuing to own those various areas;*
- (iii) That as a result of these investigations, the financial accountabilities for managing these areas be reviewed, with a clear linkage established between the reasons for ownership and the financial responsibilities for management and maintenance.*
- (5) (i) That the Landcare Committee support the proposed \$2 million p.a. capital spend for flood protection in the western region, for consultation through the draft Long Term Financial Strategy;*

**Resolved to Recommend**

- (ii) That the Landcare Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that, should the community through the Long Term Financial Strategy consultation process favour the \$4 million p.a. option, the WRC consider funding above the \$2 million p.a. through an additional special rate on the communities that directly benefit.**

- (6) That officers review the priority for commencing the proposed new Regional Parks at Whitireia and the Wairarapa, within the Parks and Forests ten year business plan “soft numbers”.*

The meeting closed at 1.15pm

Cr R Werry  
Chairperson

Date

**Policy and Finance Committee – 7 March 2000**

*To be moved:*

**That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 23 February 2000, Items LC136 to LC1 138 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.**