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Report of the Public Excluded Part of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 5 July 2001 at 11.13am

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 McQueen (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Shaw, Shields, Thomas and Werry and Councillor Hutchings (WCC)

Also Present

Councillors Allen and Turver

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Kennedy, Ms Martin, Messrs Morrison, Nugent, Roberts and Stone

Matter for Recommendation

PE US53 **The Future of Plantation Forestry**

Report PE 01.467

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Members discussed whether the item should be considered in the public excluded or open part of the meeting. Following comments from Mr Benham, Divisional Manager

on the finalisation of the Puketiro Forest Contract the Committee agreed the item should remain in public excluded.

Councillor Shaw left at 12 noon and requested that a workshop be held to formulate the basis for a policy on the future of plantation forestry.

Councillor Turver left at 11.50am.

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr McQueen/Cr Laidlaw)
It is recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that:	
(1)	The attached paper be received.
(2)	The changing strategic goals of the Council, especially with the new emphasis on environmental values, be acknowledged.
(3)	The serious long-term financial problems facing Plantation Forestry as a business be recognised.
(4)	The merits of adopting a broader land management concept, which includes the future of WRC's exotic forest holdings, be recognised.
(5)	The Policy and Finance Committee be invited to consider the content of this paper and recommend to Council that:
	(1) A workshop on the subject be held as soon as practicable.
	(2) Report PE 01.467, and any further reports, be considered by Council with the aim of a recommendation being made for the matter to be included in the incoming Council's annual review of the Long-Term Financial Strategy in early 2002.
(6)	It notes that the Plantation Forestry Planting Programme for 2002 be submitted to the Utility Services Committee for approval and that all future plantation planting programmes be submitted in September of the year prior to planting taking place.
(7)	Officers be invited to report on the financial and other implications of issues raised in the paper.

CR EUAN McQUEEN
Chairman

Date:

Policy and Finance Committee – 10 July 2001

To be Moved

<p>That the Public Excluded part of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 5 July 2001 Item PE US53 be confirmed.</p>
