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**Report 02.120**

5 March 2002

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**Record of the Special Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 5 March 2002 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 Shields (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Long, McDavitt, Thomas, Turver, Werry and Yardley

**Officers Present**

Messrs Allard, Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Laplanche, Maguire, Saywell, Schollum, Drs Bradbury and Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

P&F 17      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)*

*That the apology from Councillor Laidlaw, be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

P&F 18      **Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2002 Update (incorporating Council's 2002/03 Annual Plan) – Reports of Meetings**

(1)      **Policy and Finance Subcommittee – 14 February 2002**

**Report 02.67**

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**Resolved to Recommend** (Cr Evans/Cr Yardley)

**That the report of the meeting of the Policy and Finance Subcommittee held on 14 February 2002, Items P&FS/C 01 to P&FS/C 08 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.**

(2)      **Rural Services and Wairarapa – 15 February 2002**

**Report 02.70**

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

**That the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 15 February 2002, Items RSW 25 and RSW 26 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.**

(3)      **Passenger Transport – 18 February 2002**

**Report 02.72**

File: E/6/19/2

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

**That the report of the meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 18 February 2002, Items PT 15 to PT 18 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.**

(4)      **Landcare – 19 February 2002**

**Report 02.73**

File: E/6/16/2

**Resolved to Recommend** (Cr Barr/Cr Thomas)

**That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 19 February 2002, Items LC 16 and LC 17 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.**

(5) Utility Services – 20 February 2002

Report 02.88

File: E/6/17/2

**Resolved to Recommend**

**(Cr Werry/Cr Long)**

**That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 20 February 2002, Items US 19 and US 20 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.**

The meeting then agreed to consider Item 7 on the Order Paper, The Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2002 Update (incorporating Council's 2002/03 Annual Plan) – Utility Services Committee 20 February 2002.

**Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 02.117**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)*

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

*Report of the Public Excluded part of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 20 February 2002*

*Utility Services Division – Plantation Forestry: Proposed Operating Plans 2002-2010*

*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>
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<i>Utility Services Division Plantation Forestry: Proposed Operating Plans 2002-2010</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</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 (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).</i>
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*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 of 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*

The open part of the meeting adjourned at 9.35am and reconvened at 9.37am.

**(6) Environment – 21 February 2002**

**Report 02.89**

File: E/6/18/2

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

**That the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 21 February 2002, Items E 39 and E 40 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.**

P&F 19

**Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2002 Update (incorporating Council's 2002/03 Annual Plan)**

**(1) Report of Council Chairperson**

**Report 02.87**

File: CFO/7/6/10

**Resolved to Recommend (Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)**

**(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.**

Members noted the remaining recommendation in the Chairperson's report would be further considered after consideration of the Chief Financial Officer's Report.

**(2) Wellington Metropolitan Wholesale Water Supply**

**Report 02.93**

File: G/4/1/2

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

**(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.**

**(2) That the wholesale water levy at this stage for 2002/03 be \$24,854,000 (GST inclusive), being three percent less than that set for the 2001/02 year with a provisional distribution among the four city councils as follows:.**

<b>Hutt</b>	<b>\$6,415,000</b>
<b>Porirua</b>	<b>\$2,659,000</b>
<b>Upper Hutt</b>	<b>\$2,699,000</b>
<b>Wellington</b>	<b>\$13,081,000</b>

**(3) That the final levy be determined before 30 June 2002.**

**(3) Land Transport Policy Package – Implications for Wellington Region**

Dr Watson reported orally on the recent Government Transport Package including expectations and advice for future passenger transport projects and funding. A copy of the overheads was circulated.

Councillor Kirton arrived at 9.50am.

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)</b>
<b>That the oral report be received.</b>	

The meeting then agreed to consider Item 8 on the Order Paper – Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange Funding.

**Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 02.105**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Thomas)*

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

*Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange Funding*

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<i>Lambton Bus/Rail Interchange Funding</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</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 (ie to enable the Council to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations) without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>
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*Wellington Regional Council*

The open part adjourned at 9.55am and reconvened at 10.36am.

**(4) Report of Chief Financial Officer**

**Report 02.92**

File: CFO/7/6/10

At 11.10am the meeting agreed to consider further information concerning Rolling Stock Refurbishment referred to in paragraph 3 of Attachment 3 to Report 02.92.

**Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 02.117**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Turver)*

- (1) *That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*

*Tranz Metro Wellington: Passenger Rolling Stock Refurbishment*

*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:*

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<i>Tranz Metro Wellington: Passenger Rolling Stock Refurbishment</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</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 (ie to enable the Council to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations) without prejudice or disadvantage.</i>
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*Wellington Regional Council, Tranz Rail*

- (2) *That Mr Ross Hayward, National Transport Manager, Rail Services, Tranz Rail Limited, be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has*

*been excluded for this item because of his expertise. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of Mr Hayward's position with Tranz Rail.*

The open part of the meeting adjourned at 11.10am and reconvened at 11.55am.

**(4) Report of Chief Financial Officer (Continued)**

**Report 02.92**

File: CFO/7/6/10

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)</b>
<b>That the transport projects listed on page 4 of Report 02.92 as follows:</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Cost \$</b>
<b>Continued rolling stock refurbishments</b>	<b>1,131,671</b>
<b>Real Time Information</b>	<b>375,000</b>
<b>Marketing Strategy</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Waikanae bus service improvements</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Computer service enquiry database</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Transmission Gully Cost/Benefit Analysis</b>	<b>75,000</b>
<b>be included in the Draft Plan for public consultation with final approval subject to the public submission process.</b>	

Councillors Buchanan, Kirton, Long and Thomas dissented.

The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm and reconvened at 2.20pm to consider remaining matters dealt with in Report 02.92 the Report of the Chief Financial Officer.

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Chairperson/Cr Turver)</b>
<b>That the Council:</b>	
<b>(1)</b>	<b>Receive the report and note the contents.</b>
<b>(2)</b>	<b>Approve the inclusion in the Proposed 2002/03 Annual Plan (within the updated Long-Term Financial Strategy) the projected rates and levy figures included within Report 02.92 (as amended).</b>

Councillors Buchanan, Kirton, Long and Thomas dissented.



**Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2002 Update (incorporating Council's 2002/03 Annual Plan)**

(continued)

**Report of Council Chairperson (Continued)**

**Report 02.87**

File: CFO/7/6/10

<b>Resolved</b> (Chairperson/Cr Turver) <b>(2) That the proposed increase in Regional rates be 3.9%</b>
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P&F 20

**Rating of Utilities' Networks**

**Report 02.109**

File: B/6/8/9

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b> (Cr Long/Cr Yardley) <b>That the report be received.</b>
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P&F 21

**Composition of Boards of Directors – Council LATEs**

**Report 02.103**

File: CFO/9/1/1

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b> (Cr Long/Cr Yardley) <b>That Council:</b> <b>(1) Receive the report and note its contents.</b> <b>(2) Approve the appointment of the Council Deputy Chairperson as a director of all three companies with effect from 1 May 2002.</b> <b>(3) Approve the process of appointment of a third Councillor by way of recommendation to the Committee from the Council Chairperson before 30 April 2002.</b> <b>(4) Approve the process of appointment of two external directors (to take effect from 1 May 2002) be as follows:</b> <b>(a) that determination of the detailed process for selection of suitable candidates be delegated to the Screening Group comprising:</b> <b>– Council Chairperson</b> <b>– Council Deputy Chairperson</b> <b>– Council Secretary</b> <b>(b) that the identification of potential directors include direct approach, advertisement or both (to be determined by the Steering Group).</b>
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- (c) that the screening of potential directors (including conducting interviews) be conducted by the Screening Group seeking the following key attributes:
- Independence
  - Integrity
  - Ability to analyse, question and apply judgement
  - Competence
  - Ability to devote time and attention to entity
  - Good personal skills
  - Leadership and Strategic thought
  - Common sense
  - Previous experience as a director
- (d) that the Screening Group reports its recommendations to the Committee for approval prior to any appointments being made.

P&F 22

**Exclusion of the Public**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)*

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

*Technical Amendment to the General Manager’s Contract*

<b><i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i></b>	<b><i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
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<i>Technical Amendment to the General Manager’s Contract</i>	<i>Because of the need to protect the privacy of natural persons and to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the Council</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 (ie because of the need to protect the privacy of natural persons and to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the Council</i>
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*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*

The open part of the meeting closed at 2.49pm.

Cr M K SHIELDS  
Chairperson