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Report 00.772

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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 Thursday, 26 October 2000 at 9.35am

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, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Bodnar, Darroch, Hutt, Laplanche, Saywell, Stone and Wright, Ms Edwards and Drs Bradbury and Watson.

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 264 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That the apology from Councillor McQueen, be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 265 **WRC Holdings Group – 1999/2000 Financial Statements**

Report 00.734

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*Resolved**(Chairperson /Cr Shaw)**That the report be received and the contents noted.*P&F 266 **Approval of Dividend from WRC Holdings Ltd****Report 00.747**

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Communication

It was agreed that a news release should be prepared which emphasizes the value of the dividend income to the community from ownership of the Port Company.

It was also agreed that the Council should re-emphasize its reasons for keeping the Port Company in public ownership.

*Resolved**(Chairperson /Cr Shields)**(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.***Resolved to Recommend****(Chairperson/Cr Shields)**

(2) That the payment by WRC Holdings Ltd of a dividend of \$1.7 million (fully imputed) be approved, and the affixing of the Council's Common Seal to the necessary documentation giving effect to that transaction, be authorised.

P&F 267 **Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2000****Report 00.750**

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Erica Mason and Alison Lohman, Audit New Zealand were present for this item.

Erica Mason said she will be giving an unqualified or clear opinion for the Council in the Audit Certificate to be released by Audit New Zealand once Council had formally adopted the Annual Report.

Councillor Shaw said that Elements should publish the good news contained in the big picture summaries contained in the Annual Report.

The Chairperson congratulated Mr Stone and his team for an outstanding result and Council now awaited the Audit Certificate.

The Chairperson also thanked Erica Mason and her team.

*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)*

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

Resolved to Recommend	(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)
(2) That the following net amounts, in addition to those budgeted, be added to or deducted from, the respective reserves:	
(a) Hutt Ground Water	(\$41,000)
(b) Transport Rate	\$852,000
(c) Bovine Tb Rate	\$61,000
(d) Wairarapa Schemes – Catchment Awhea	(\$2,000)
(e) Wairarapa Schemes – Catchment Whareama	(\$2,000)
(f) Wairarapa Schemes – Catchment Maungaraki	\$2,000
(g) Wairarapa Schemes – Drainage	\$11,000
(h) Wairarapa Shingle Royalty	\$1,000
(i) Water Operations Network	(\$62,000)
(j) Rivers Transit Maintenance	(\$11,000)
(k) Wairarapa workshop	(\$10,000)
(l) Akura Nursery	\$40,000
(m) Stadium	(\$7,000)
(n) Wairarapa Schemes – River LWVD	(\$32,000)
(o) Wairarapa Schemes – River Waiohine	(\$58,000)
(p) Wairarapa Schemes – River Upper Ruamahana	(\$15,000)
(q) Wairarapa Schemes – River Waipoua	(\$5,000)
(r) Wairarapa Schemes – River Waiangawa	(\$16,000)
(s) Wairarapa Schemes – River Lower Tauera	(\$46,000)
(t) Wairarapa Schemes – River Lower Whangatarere	\$6,000
(u) Wairarapa Schemes – River Upper Mangatarere	\$1,000
(v) Wairarapa Schemes – Opaki Water Supply	\$10,000
(w) River Rate – Hutt City	\$5,000
(x) River Rate – Kapiti Coast	\$21,000
(y) River Rate – Porirua City	\$1,000
(z) River Rate – Upper Hutt City	(\$83,000)
(aa) River Rate – Wellington City	\$6,000
(ab) Flood Contingency	(\$408,000)
(ac) Rural Fire Contingency – Natural Forestry	(\$266,000)
(ad) Rural Fire Contingency – Plantation Forestry	(\$18,000)
(ae) Harbours – Navigation Aids	(\$7,000)
(af) Expense Rebudget – Otaki Rating Scheme	\$14,000
(ag) Expense Rebudget – KCDC Exercise	\$10,000
(ah) Expense Rebudget – BVTB Ferret Control	\$15,000
(ai) Expense Rebudget – Resource Investigations Vehicle	\$24,000
(aj) Expense Rebudget – IT Operations Capex	\$67,000
(ak) Expense Rebudget – Microsoft License Agreements	\$40,000
(al) Expense Rebudget – Council Secretariat Vehicle	\$23,000
(am) Expense Rebudget – Maoribank Groynes	\$15,000
(an) Expense Carry Forward - IT Operations Capex	\$14,000
(ao) Expense Carry Forward – Lab System	\$9,000
(ap) Expense Carry Forward – Communications Vehicle	\$14,000

(aq)	Expense Carry Forward – Landcare Vehicle	\$14,000
(ar)	Expense Carry Forward – FIS Purchasing System	\$60,000
(3)	That in line with Council policy, the remaining surplus after reserve transfers and working capital requirements be applied to debt reduction.	
(4)	That the Financial Statements and accompanying notes for the year ended 30 June 2000 be adopted subject to receipt of the Audit Report, and that any minor adjustments requested by Audit New Zealand be considered by officers and, if necessary, amended, pursuant to resolution (5) below.	
(5)	That the 2000 Annual Report be adopted and published subject to any minor editorial amendments which should be approved by the Chairman.	

Councillor Gibson voted against adoption of the Annual Report.

P&F 268 2000/01 Statement of Corporate Intent –CentrePort Ltd

Report 00.736

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Performance Targets: Environmental and Social Areas

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 269 2000/01 Statement of Corporate Intent –WRC Holdings Group

Report 00.735

File: CFO/9/1/1

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 270 Investing in the Future 2000-2010: 2001 Update (Incorporating the Council's 2001/2002 Annual Plan)

Report 00.749

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Long)

- (1) That the work programmes contained in the Long Term Financial Strategy adopted on 29 June 2000, be confirmed.**
- (2) That officers be instructed to prepare proposed detailed business plans for the forthcoming year based on that Long Term Financial Strategy which includes the guideline rate and levy levels contained in Attachment**

1 to Report 00.749.

P&F 271 **Western Region Plantation Forests: Recreation, Heritage and Landscape Values**

Report 00.757

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Costs Allocation

Members noted that officers will consider how the costs will be allocated within the frameworks of the Forestry Business Unit and Landcare.

Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Werry)

- (1) **That Plantation Forestry and Landcare Division officers have agreed on a recreation management regime for the Council's western region Plantation Forests, be noted.**
- (2) **That Plantation Forestry and Landcare Division officers have agreed to protocols for applying appropriate measures (based on the principle of establishing forty metre permanent vegetation buffers, adjacent to the Rimutaka Incline Walkway, plus ten metre riparian strips each side of watercourses), to mitigate the effects of logging on recreation, environmental, and heritage values be noted.**
- (3) **That options for logging access to the Pakuratahi East plantation blocks as they affect the historic railway formation "straight" south of the Ladle Bend Bridge be considered; and spend \$150,000 and cross the railway formation at two points**
- (4) **That the Tunnel Gully Reserve (1988 Management Plan) and the Wainuiomata Waterworks Recreation Area will remain amenity assets managed by the Landcare Division be noted.**
- (5) **That the Rimutaka Incline Walkway Recreation Area rifle range template will now be managed by Plantation Forestry; land occupied by the rifle range mounds, Go-Kart and Gliding Clubs, plus the Bulls Run Road Motorcross track, will continue to be managed by the Landcare Division be noted.**
- (6) **That Council agrees that some of the western region Plantation Forestry blocks have particular landscape values, such that additional consideration is required as to their management`.**

P&F 272 **Management of the Community Environmental Care Programme**

Report 00.764

File: ENV 15/3/1

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Long)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 273 Communications Strategy

Report 00.766

File: CC212/1/4

Moved

(Cr Allen/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and that the purpose statement for communications be confirmed.

Amendment

(Cr Turver/Cr Gibson)

That the purpose statement include the words "noting that communications will strengthen public awareness of the Wellington Regional Council's role and benefits that flow to ratepayers from the Council's expenditure."

Carried

The motion as amended was then put and **CARRIED**: viz

Resolved to Recommend

That the report be received and that the purpose statement for communications be confirmed, noting that communications will strengthen public awareness of the Wellington Regional Council's role and benefits that flow to ratepayers from the Council's expenditure.

P&F 274 October 2000 Flood Damage - Wairarapa

Report 00.768

File: Y/1/6/3

Moved

(Cr Allen/Cr Thomas)

That Council approves the recommendations contained in Report 00.768.

Amendment

(Cr Turver/Cr Gibson)

That officers report on the adequacy of the Floodplain Management Contingency Fund.

Carried

The motion as amended was then put and carried.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

- (1) That the expenditure of up to \$727,000 and the withdrawal of up to \$363,500 from the Council's Flood Damage Contingency Fund for flood damage repairs in the Upper Ruamahanga, Waiohine-Mangatarere, Waingawa, Waipoua, and the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development river**

management schemes, be approved.

- (2) That the withdrawal of up to \$190,000 from the Council's Flood Damage Contingency Fund for river protection works to protect Masterton District Council infrastructure assets within the Waingawa, Waipoua and the Upper Ruamahanga river management scheme areas, be approved.**
- (3) That a sub-committee of the Council Chairperson and Councillors Long and Buchanan to approve the final schedule following the completion of the advisory committee meetings be established.**
- (4) That officers report on the adequacy of the Floodplain Management Contingency Fund.**

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: