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Report to the Policy and Finance Committee from Greg Schollum, Chief Financial Officer

WRC Holdings Group – Half Year Report

1. **Purpose**

To receive the WRC Holdings half year report for the period 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000.

2. Background

Each six months the Directors of WRC Holdings Ltd are required, per the Statement of Corporate Intent (SCI) to report their financial results to the shareholder (the Council).

As there is one SCI prepared for the consolidated group it is only the WRC Holdings Group financial statements which are legally required to be provided to the Council. However, to ensure transparency of operations of all Council owned companies the following half year financial statements are provided:

- WRC Holdings Ltd (consolidated and parent company)
- Pringle House Ltd
- Port Investments Ltd
- CentrePort Ltd (refer to report 01.119)

All these financial statements are unaudited as is normal practice for interim financial statements.

3. **Comments**

3.1 WRC Holdings Ltd

The financial performance of the WRC Holdings group exceeds the SCI targets set at the start of the year as follows:

WRC Holdings Group Half Year Performance – 31/12/00

	Actual	SCI Target
Net Profit before Tax	\$3,668,000	\$3,329,000 (1)
Net Profit after Tax	\$2,435,000	\$2,056,000 (1)
Return on assets (annualised)	12.9%	12.2%
Return on equity (annualised)	50%	27.3%

(1) the SCI targets have been derived by taking 50% of the full year's targets

Based on the above YTD performance I expect that the WRC Holdings Group should be in a position to exceed its targeted dividend for the 2000/01 year of \$263,000.

3.2 **Pringle House Ltd**

The half year financial statements of Pringle House Ltd (attached) reflect business as usual for the company that owns the Regional Council Centre.

3.3 **Port Investments Ltd**

The half year financial statements of Port Investments Ltd (attached) reflect a solid first half year result by CentrePort (enabling an interim dividend to be declared by CentrePort).

4. **Communications**

The continuing good performance by Council companies should be of interest to the Regional community.

5. **Recommendation**

That the Committee recommends that the Council receives the report and notes its contents.

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Attachment 1:	Pringle House Ltd – Half Year Report
Attachment 2:	Port Investments Ltd – Half Year Report
Attachment 3:	WRC Holdings Ltd – Half Year Report