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MKS/CHAIR REPORT

Report to Wellington Regional Council  
from Margaret Shields, Chairperson

### **Chairperson's Report**

#### **1. Meetings with Mayors**

I have previously informed Council I would be seeking to talk with the Region's Mayors, in particular to look at ways of improving relationships between the Territorial Authorities and the Regional Council.

With this in mind, Mr Stone and I have already met with several of the Mayors and Chief Executives. By the time Council meets on 18 December, we will have had an initial meeting with each of them. Generally such meetings have been cordial and very useful.

Also, Mr Stone and I have now been invited to attend the Wellington Mayoral Forum in the New Year. At this stage, these meetings do not include the Mayors from the three Wairarapa Councils.

I know some of our Councillors have particular views on the ways we relate with the Territorial Authorities in particular. With this in mind, I have asked Management to arrange a Workshop early in the New Year where the various view points can be discussed. These would be a useful lead up to a formal policy paper for consideration by the Policy and Finance Committee.

#### **2. Wellington Urban Rail Services**

As requested by Councillors, we have taken steps to seek to brief Councillors from each of the Territorial Authorities concerning our proposals for Wellington suburban passenger rail services. Some have responded positively to our request for such a briefing. At the Council meeting I will report further on the briefings that have been held or have been set up.

### 3. ***Local Government New Zealand - Zone 4***

As reported in Bulletin No. 2001/58, Crs McDavitt and Yardley, Mr Maguire and I attending the meeting of Zone 4 on 19 November 2001 at Hutt City Council. The main decisions of that meeting and a background briefing paper from *Local Government New Zealand* have already been circulated to Councillors. I would certainly propose that Crs McDavitt and Yardley have the opportunity to comment on any matters arising from that meeting.

### 4. **Seasons Greetings**

To all my Council colleagues, both elected and staff and your families, every good wish for the coming festive season. Make the most of the break (I certainly will be) and be prepared for a fairly busy year ahead.

Thank you to everyone for your splendid input in the past year. The year has been a busy one for everyone in the Regional Council with some major issues having been considered.

MARGARET SHIELDS  
Chairperson