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Report of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 23 July 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 Werry (Chairperson), Aitken, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields and Thomas

Also Present

Councillor Barr and Councillor Evans

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Duggan, Kennedy, Leonard, Nugent, Roberts and Sells

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 33 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

Matter for Recommendation to Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee

US 36 Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan Review

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Councillor Evans arrived at 10.15am.

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry)
That Council:	
(1) Receives the report and notes its contents.	

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry)
That Council:	
(2) Agree to Phase 3 of the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan progressing as drafted, with the following variations:	
(i) Three “trip-days” will be reserved specifically for individual members of the public to tour the Wainuiomata Catchment. Individuals will be able to apply to enter a ballot for places on these tours. All conditions applying to groups from clubs and other bona fide organisations visiting the Catchment will apply.	
(ii) The ratio of rangers/interpreters to visitors is to remain at a minimum of 1:10 during Phase 3, in both the Wainuiomata and the Orongorongo Catchments.	
(iii) At least one Landcare Ranger will accompany all groups entering the Orongorongo Catchment during Phase 3.	

Resolved to Recommend	(Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry)
That Council:	
(3) Endorse that the policy give consideration to cost recovery charging for guided tours.	

Councillor Aitken dissented.

Resolved to Recommend (Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry)

That Council:

- (4) Note that Phase 3 of the Access Plan will be comprehensively reviewed as part of the ongoing Forest Lands Management Plan review and that access to the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection Area will be incorporated in that Plan.

Resolved to Recommend (Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry)

That Council:

- (5) Note that implementation of Phase 3 will commence immediately following approval by Council.

Resolved to Recommend (Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry)

That Council:

- (6) Seek comment from Medical Officer of Health and ways the access to catchments can be used without damaging public health and compromising water safety.

Resolved to Recommend (Cr McDavitt/Cr Werry)

That Council:

- (7) Request officers to monitor visitor impacts on water quality, and the Natural Environment and report the results back to the Committee in due course.

CR R J WERRY
Chairperson

Date:

Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee – 6 August 2002

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 23 July 2002, Item US36 and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.