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**Report 02.545**

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**Record of the Meeting of the Regional Pest Management Sub-Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 26 August 2002 at 1.30pm**

**Present**

Councillors Buchanan, McDavitt and Mr McQueen.

**Officers Present**

Messrs Cowan, Darroch, O'Donnell, Wright and Worsley

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

**RPS 01 Appointment of Chairperson**

Mr Darroch, Senior Committee Secretary, called for nominations for Chairperson.

*Resolved* (Councillor McDavitt/Mr McQueen)

*That Councillor Buchanan be Chairperson of the Regional Pest Management Strategy Sub-Committee*

**RPS 02 Apologies**

*Resolved* (Councillor McDavitt/Mr McQueen)

*That the apology from Councillor Foster, Wellington City Council, be confirmed.*

## Matter for Consideration

### RPS 03 Wellington City Pest Plants Control Programme Review

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#### Preferred Policy Position

Members agreed as follows:

1. That the initial survey in the Southern portion of Wellington City be discontinued.
2. That officers act on complaints to ensure occupiers of clear properties are protected from neighbouring infestations.
3. That in the Northern surveyed area, all recorded sites of Old Mans Beard and other key pest plants are regularly inspected.
4. That the level of service delivery in new 'buffer zones' to protect Wellington City KNE sites are increased.
5. That the options outlined in 1, 2, 3 and 4 above will ensure the maintenance of sites already inspected, be noted.
6. That the estimated costs for the first full year is \$220,000 with costs remaining fairly static for the following 5 years.
7. That, following the next 5 years, inspection and control costs may begin to reduce with declining levels of infestation, be noted.

However before the above policy could be recommended to the Rural Services Committee for approval it was agreed there was a need to meet again with Councillor Foster and officers of the Wellington City Council.

#### Next Meeting

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)*

*That a further meeting of the sub-committee be held with Councillor Foster and officers of the Wellington City Council to reach agreement on policy objectives and operational matters.*

Mr O'Donnell said he will contact Councillor Foster and arrange a further meeting of the sub-committee.

The meeting closed at 2.55pm.

Councillor Buchanan  
Chairperson

Date: