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**Record of the Meeting of the Special Policy and Finance Committee
held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 8 March 2001 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 Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Darroch, Maguire, Stone and Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 318 Apologies

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That the apology from Councillor Shields be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 319 Review of the Resource Management Charging Policy:

(1) Report of Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee – 16 February 2001

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That Council adopt the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 16 February 2001, Item RSW 291, and the recommendation contained therein.

(2) Report of Environment Committee – 22 February 2001

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That Council adopt the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 22 February 2001, Item E 332, and the recommendations contained therein.

(3) Appointment of a Subcommittee

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Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

- (1) That Councillor Buchanan, Chairperson, Environment Committee, Councillor Long, Chairperson, Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee and Councillor Turver, be appointed as a subcommittee to hear submissions on the Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy and to make recommendations to Council; and**
- (2) That officers be instructed to initiate the special Consultative Procedure as set out in section 716A of the Local Government Act 1974.**

P&F 320

Meeting Allowance

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Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

That Council amend the meeting allowance policy be amended as set out in Attachment 2.

The meeting adjourned at 10.45am and reconvened at 11.00am for a presentation on the Council's proposed Communication Strategy.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That Standing Orders be suspended to enable members to have an informal discussion during the next item of business.

P&F 321 Development of Council Communication Strategy

Oral Report

Mr Allard, Divisional Manager, Corporate Policy, said Councillors have discussed the Communication Strategy at a workshop and at meetings of the Policy and Finance Committee and Council in April and October last year. Today Councillors will have a presentation on a possible direction for the Strategy before it is formally presented to Council later in the month.

Mr Allard introduced Mr Brian Small, Hill and Knowlton, who gave a presentation on a new direction for the Strategy. Mr Small discussed goals, a new set of messages, strategic options, possible joint ventures with such groups as territorial authorities, business sectors, the community and central Government and how the Strategy might be implemented.

Members asked questions and Mr Allard said he would include comment on the suggestions from Councillors in his next paper to the Committee.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Small and said the excellent response from Councillors during question time had shown the high quality of the presentation. It was now possible to progress the strategy.

Standing Orders

At 12.05pm the meeting resolved as follows:

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr McQueen)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

Mr Allard said he would prepare a progress report for consideration at the Council and Special Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 22 March 2001.

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Gibson)

That the information be received.

The meeting closed at 12.07pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: