



Report 04.595

7 October 2004

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Record of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 7 October 2004 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 Shields (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Turfrey, Wright and Drs Bradbury, Hastie and Watson

Welcome and Thank You

The Chairperson welcomed Councillor Evans' return from overseas and said that Councillor Thomas will be leaving the meeting early to attend a funeral.

Councillor Thomas said that as she will be leaving the meeting early she would like to say how much she had enjoyed working with her fellow Councillors these past three years and also thanked the officers.

Mr Harris, Chief Executive

The Chairperson said that Mr Harris, Chief Executive will not be attending today's meeting as he was visiting his mother who had taken ill.

Public Business

Procedural Items

PF&S 323 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

Matters for ConsiderationPF&S 324 **Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2004****Report 04.589**

Mr Rudie Tomlinson, Audit Director, Audit New Zealand was present for this item and was invited to speak.

Mr Tomlinson, thanked members for the invitation to address today's meeting.

Mr Tomlinson said he gave Greater Wellington an unqualified opinion. There had been a huge effort by Audit and Greater Wellington officers to present the audit report under the new provisions of the Local Government Act 2002.

The control environment within Greater Wellington remains strong.

Mr Tomlinson concluded by thanking officers for their assistance in completing the process earlier than in previous years and a letter confirming the unqualified opinion will now be forwarded to the Chief Executive.

It was agreed that the net expenditure amounts rebudgetted as listed for approval at today's meeting seem to be growing exponentially and Mr Turfrey said he would be looking at such expenditure closely this financial year to ensure the process was working well.

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Kirton)

That the Report be received and contents noted.

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Resolved to Recommend to Council	(Chairperson/Cr Kirton)
That Council	
(1) Approve the following net amounts, in addition to those budgeted, be added to or deducted from, the respective reserves:	
(a) Transport Rate	\$67,616
(b) Wairarapa Bovine TB Rate - Bov TB	\$152,174
(c) Wairarapa Schemes - Catchment Awhea	(\$6,653)
(d) Wairarapa Schemes - Catchment Whareama	(\$11,035)
(e) Wairarapa Schemes - Catchment Homewood	\$191
(f) Wairarapa Schemes - Catchment Mataikona	\$3,635
(g) Wairarapa Schemes - Catchment Maungaraki	(\$3,150)

(h)	Wairarapa Schemes - Catchment Kaiwhata	(\$1,449)
(i)	Wairarapa Schemes - Drainage	(\$30,543)
(j)	Wairarapa Shingle Royalty	(\$22,677)
(k)	Wairarapa Schemes - River LWVD	(\$269,343)
(l)	Wairarapa Schemes - River Waiohine	(\$63,414)
(m)	Wairarapa Schemes - River Gladstone	(\$5,210)
(n)	Wairarapa Schemes - River Waipoua	(\$28,849)
(o)	Wairarapa Schemes - River Waingawa	(\$15,098)
(p)	Wairarapa Schemes - River Lower Tauera	(\$236)
(q)	Wairarapa Schemes - River Lower Whangaehu	\$1,426
(r)	Wairarapa Schemes - River Te Ore Ore	(\$13,046)
(s)	Wairarapa Schemes - River Mt Bruce	(\$20,474)
(t)	Wairarapa Workshop	(\$5,467)
(u)	Akura Nursery	(\$3,997)
(v)	River Rate -Hutt City	\$3,922
(w)	River Rate -Kapiti Coast	(\$86,309)
(x)	River Rate -Porirua City	(\$1,974)
(y)	River Rate -Upper Hutt City	\$20,076
(z)	River Rate -Wellington City	(\$8,059)
(aa)	Flood Contingency	(\$562,811)
(bb)	Expense Rebudget - Land Swap HCC	(\$10,000)
(cc)	Expense Rebudget - East Harbour	\$13,100
(dd)	Expense Rebudget - Pedestrian Strategy	(\$2,583)
(ee)	Expense Rebudget - Petone Station Upgrade	(\$4,341)
(ff)	Expense Rebudget - IT Ops Hardware	(\$5,700)
(gg)	Expense Rebudget - Ecobus	\$2,700
(hh)	Expense Rebudget - Road pricing	\$250,000
(ii)	Expense Rebudget - Land use strategies	\$65,000
(jj)	Expense Rebudget - RLTS	\$30,000
(kk)	Expense Rebudget - Public health	\$45,000
(ll)	Expense Rebudget - Telework	\$70,000
(mm)	Expense Rebudget - Travel Demand Car Pooling	\$35,000
(nn)	Expense Rebudget - Intranet Development	\$20,000
(oo)	Expense Rebudget - Economic data	\$12,000
(pp)	Expense Rebudget - CE's Regional Strategy	\$82,000
(qq)	Expense Rebudget - ODP training / development	\$35,000

(rr) Expense Rebudget - Pauatahanui Inlet sediment coring	\$18,000
(ss) Expense Rebudget - Urban strategy	\$10,000
(tt) Expense Rebudget - QE11 National Trust	\$110,000
(uu) Expense Rebudget - hazards internet portal	\$20,000
(vv) Expense Rebudget - Council website	\$193,167
(ww) Expense Rebudget - Pest Plants	\$48,500
(xx) Expense Rebudget - Barrage gates painting	\$30,000
(yy) Expense Rebudget - Health and safety system	\$60,000
(zz) Expense Rebudget - Ecobus fitout	\$30,000
(aaa) Expense Rebudget - IT Operations capex	\$193,166
(bbb) Expense Rebudget - Network expansion study	\$20,000
(ccc) Expense Rebudget - Regional parks management planning	\$40,000
(ddd) Expense Rebudget - Edge protection rock lower Manor Pk	\$24,000
(eee) Expense Rebudget - Porirua stream maintenance	\$20,000
(fff) Expense Rebudget - Speedys debris arrester	\$15,000
(ggg) Expense Rebudget - RT sets for parks vehicles	\$26,000
(hhh) Expense Rebudget - Flood vehicles RT sets	\$15,000
(iii) Expense Rebudget - National Biodiversity Condition and Advice Fund	\$23,000
(jjj) Expense Rebudget - Owhiro stream	\$18,000

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Chairperson/Cr Kirton)

That Council

- (3) Agree that the requirement for the forestry business units to pay a dividend be waived for the 2003/04 year.
- (4) Agree that in line with Council policy, the remaining surplus after reserve transfers and working capital requirements, be applied to debt reduction.
- (5) Adopt the Financial Statements and accompanying notes for the year ended 30 June 2004 subject to receipt of the Audit Report, and agree that any minor adjustments requested by Audit New Zealand be considered by officers and, if necessary, amended, pursuant to resolution (6) below.

- (6) Agree that the 2004 Annual Report and Summary Annual Report be published subject to any minor editorial amendments which should be approved by the Chief Financial Officer, in conjunction with the Chairperson.**

PF&S 325 **Approval of Dividend from WRC Holdings Ltd**

Report 04.580

File: CFO/9/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Long)

That the Report be received and contents noted.

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr Barr/Cr Long)

That Council

That the payment by WRC Holdings Ltd of \$322,772 (fully imputed)be approved and the Council Secretary be authorised to approve the necessary documentation giving effect to that transaction.

PF&S 326 **WRC Holdings Group – 2004 Financial Statements**

Report 04.588

File: CFO/9/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

(1) That the report be received and contents noted.

(2))That the 2003/04 financial statements of Pringle House Ltd and Port Investments Ltd be received.

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

That Council

(3) That as sole shareholder, the 2003/04 financial statements of WRC Holdings Ltd be approved.

PF&S 327 **WRC Holdings Limited – Resolutions in lieu of AGM**

Report 04.590

File: M/30/9/1

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Long)

That Council, as sole shareholder of WRC Holdings Ltd:

(1) Resolves by way of written resolutions contained within Attachment 1 not to hold an AGM;

- (2) **Endorses the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of WRC Holdings Limited held on 14 December 2000 (Attachment 2 to Report 04.590).**
- (3) **Authorises the Council Secretary to affix the Council's Common Seal to the resolutions of the Company (Attachment 1 to Report 04.590); and**
- (4) **Notes that the directors of Pringle House Limited and Port Investment Limited will resolve by way of written resolutions not to hold an Annual General Meeting.**

PF&S 328 CentrePort Annual Report – 2003/04

Report 04.592

File: CFO/21/3/1

Members agreed that there continued to be issues of process which needed addressing in the new triennium.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

PF&S 329 Continuance of the Wellington CDEM Group after the elections

Report 04.517

File: E/02/02/01

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Cr Barr/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) **That, pursuant to clause 30(7) of schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and any subcommittee constituted by that group shall not be deemed to be discharged on the coming into office of the members of the council elected or appointed at a triennial general election of members.**

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr McDavitt)

- (2) *That it be noted that each member authority of the Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management Group will be asked to pass a resolution that has the same effect as 1. above*

PF&S 330 Regional Pest Management Strategy: Operational Plan 2004/05

Report 04.578

File: WB/01/11/04

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That Council approves the proposed Operational Plan 2004/05 (Attachment 1 to Report 04.578) for the Regional Pest Management Strategy 2002-2022.

PF&S 331 **1080 Reassessment Application – Submission to Animal Health Board & Department of Conservation**

Report 04.591

File: WB/03/01/18

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)

That the submission to the Applicant Group, which is attached to Report 04.591 on the reassessment of 1080, be approved.

PF&S 332 **Remission of Rates Request**

Report 04.594

G/06/01/09

Councillor Thomas left at 10.25am.

Moved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

- 1. That the remissions outlined in Appendix 1 and 2 of Attachment 1 to Report 04.594 be granted, in accordance with section 139 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and section 180 of the Rating Powers Act 1988.*
- 2. That the Chief Executive be delegated the power to remit rates in accordance with section 139 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and section 180 of the Rating Powers Act 1988 in those circumstances where a remission has been granted by a territorial authority*

LOST

The above recommendation was lost on a vote by a show of hands three votes in favour and eight votes opposed.

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Cr Buchanan/Cr Aitken)

That the rates remissions sought by Hutt City Council be declined.

The meeting closed at 10.35am

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