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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 04.261

13 May 2004

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Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 13 May 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 Buchanan (Chairperson), Barr, Evans, McDavitt, Shields and Turver and Mr Chapman

Officers Present

Messrs Darroch, Lyons, Sherriff, Skene, Van Schalkwyk, Waddy and Dr Bradbury

Public Business

Procedural Items

E 297 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)

That the apology from Mr Evans and the apology for lateness from Mr Chapman be confirmed.

E 298 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

E 299 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2004, Report 04.201, be confirmed.

Harbour Matters

There were no Harbour matters for consideration.

Civil Defence Matters

There were no Civil Defence matters for consideration.

Environmental Matters

Matter for Recommendation

E 300 **Regional Action Plan for the Dairying and Clean Streams Accord**

Report 04.242 File: ENV/12/08/01

Mr Chapman arrived at 9.45am.

This matter has been reported separately to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

Matters for Decision

E 301 **Applications by Hutt City Council for Stage 2 of Silverstream Landfill**

Report 04.214 File: WGN/04/0184/3

Resolved (Cr Evans/Cr Barr)

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

- (2) *That it be granted that under delegated authority of the Greater Wellington Regional Council, in accordance with Part II and sections 104, 105, 107 and 108 of the Resource Management Act 1991, land use consents WGN040184 [23262], [23263], [23253], [23256], [23259], [23260] and [23261]; and water permits WGN040184 [23250], [23254], [23258] and [23257]; and discharge permits WGN040184 [23248], [23251] and [23249] to Hutt City Council, subject to the conditions set out in Attachment 1.*
- (3) *That Councillor Buchanan, Chairperson, Environment Committee write to the Hutt City Council requesting that officers and consultants be congratulated for reaching agreement with all submitters without the need for a formal hearing.*

Matters for Information

E 302 Divisional Manager's Report

Pauatahanui Inlet Sediment Cores

(1) Press Release

Councillor Shields requested a press release be prepared on the impact of sedimentation on the Pauatahanui Inlet.

(2) Co-ordination with Western Corridor Plan Review

Councillor McDavitt noted that the results of the scientific review on the sediment cores will not be available until March 2005. Councillor McDavitt said the Western Corridor Plan Review, a component of the Regional Land Transport Strategy, will be completed before the 2004/05 financial year. Councillor McDavitt said the results of the scientific survey would be of interest to those involved in the Western Corridor Plan Review. Mr Porteous, Environment Co-ordination, said he would investigate ways to provide better linkages between the scientific survey and the Transport Review.

CentrePort Appeals

Luci Ryan, Consents Management, said discussions with CentrePort on the dredging and disposal of material from their inner-berths appeals were progressing well and she was confident of reporting a satisfactory solution to the next meeting of the Committee.

Resource Management Seminar

Councillor Buchanan said he had recently attended a Seminar where Judge Bollard of the Environment Court described changes for the Environment Court over the next six months. Councillor Buchanan said the improvements will have a large impact on the way resource consents are processed and asked that a descriptive note be prepared for the next meeting of the Committee.

Emergency Management

February 2004 Flooding Events Manawatu-Wanganui

Councillor Shields said that the Regional Affairs Committee of the Local Government Association was organising a two-day visit to the Manawatu in the latter half of June and Councillors will be invited to attend. Further details will be advised in the Councillors' Bulletin.

Local Communities

Councillor McDavitt requested a brief report on the state of readiness of local communities and how their needs were addressed in Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plans.

Councillor Turver left at 10.45am.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 303 Preliminary Stormwater Risk Assessment for the Gracefield Area

Mr Markland and Mr Conland of Resource Investigations gave a presentation and review of the potential contamination sources in the Gracefield industrial area within the context of the stormwater outlets into the Waiwhetu Stream. Ninety three sites were identified and further investigations are being carried out to assess the impact of the various contaminants in the area.

Councillor Buchanan congratulated officers on their impressive research, carried out at low cost.

Mr Skene, Environment Co-ordination, said that there will be a public consultation on the results of the investigations later in the year.

E 304 **Decisions on Non-notified Resource Consent Applications**

Report 04.213

File: ENV/01/08/04

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 305 **Regional Council Input to Statutory Planning**

Report 04.222

File: X/26/1/1

Resolved

(Mr Chapman/Cr Buchanan)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

E 306 **Pollution Control Report for the Period 13 March 2004 to 22 April 2004**

Report 04.216

File: ENV/17/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Evans/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Other Matters

E 307 **Questions**

There were no questions.

E 308 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

The meeting closed at 11.30am.

CR I BUCHANAN
Chairperson

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 31 May 2004

To be moved:

That the Report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 13 May 2004, Items E 297 to E 299 and E 301 to E 308 inclusive, be adopted.