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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, the Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 20 September 2005 at 9.33am

Present

Councillors Kirton (Chairperson), Aitken, Buchanan, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw and Long

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Heath, Jackson, Kennedy, Laidlow, Leonard, McCarthy, Morrison, Nugent and Sells

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 36 Apologies

Noted

There were no apologies, but it was noted that Councillor Aitken would have to leave at 10.30am.

US 37 Public Participation

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

US 38 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee

Confirm the minutes of the public and public excluded meetings Report 05.485 and Report PE05.486, held on 23 June 2005.

Matter for Decision

US 39 Network Company Line Services Agreement

Report 05.482 File: B/06/07/03

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Kirton)

That the Committee

- (1) Receive the report.
- (2) Approve the entering into a 5 year network and transmission services contract with Vector Limited.

Matters for Information

US 40 Annual Review for Greater Wellington Water and Plantation Forestry for the 12 Months ended 30 June 2005

Report 05.477 File: O/03/02/15

Resolved (Cr Aitken/Cr Greig)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receive the report.
- (2) Note the information.

Noted

That the former Divisional Manager, Utility Services, Mr David Benham, and his staff be thanked for an excellent report, the standard of which augured well for Greater Wellington in his role as Chief Executive.

US 41 Divisional Report for Period Ending 31 August 2005

Report 05.480 File: O/02/01/10

Resolved (Cr Greig/Cr Aitken)

That the Committee:

- (1) Receive the report.
- (2) Note the contents.

US 42 Questions

There were no questions.

US 43 General

There were no matters of general business.

US 44 Water Source Development Strategy

Mr Alastair McCarthy, who had been earlier welcomed to the meeting in his new role as Acting Strategy and Asset Manager, gave an audio visual presentation of the report.

10.34am Councillor Aitken retired from the meeting.

Report 05.359 File: B/01/09/01

Resolved (Cr Long/Cr Glensor)

That the Committee

- (1) Receive the report.
- (2) Note its contents.
- (3) Issue a media release, and prepare a long-term communications strategy.

Matters Raised by Councillors

Councillor Aitken requested that the long-term communications strategy take into account a multi year education strategy with respect to water demand and supply management.

US 45 Exclusion of the Public

Report 05.488 File: E/06/17/02

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

- (1) Plantation Forestry Annual Report and Proposals
- (2) Contract No 1246 Karori Pumping Station Replacement External Pipelines Tender Acceptance

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each	Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
(1) Plantation Forestry Annual Report and Proposals	Because of the need to allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie to allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities)
	Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

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10.44am. The open part of the meeting closed.

CR R KIRTON Chairperson

Date: