

Report 99.419

20 July 1999

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Report of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 20 July 1999 at 1.30pm

Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box
Matters for information of Council are in italic type

Present

Crs McQueen (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Shaw, Thomas, Werry and Cr Hutchings (WCC)

Also Present

Cr Allen

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Kennedy, Leonard, Morrison, Roberts, Sells, van Dyk

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 55 Welcome and Apologies

Cr McQueen welcomed Cr Allen to the meeting.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the apology from Councillor Shields be confirmed.

US 56 Public Participation

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

US 57 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

That the Public and the Public Excluded minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 1999, Report 99.343 and Report PE 99.345, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.

Matter for Decision

US 58 Disaggregation of the Wholesale Water Supply System

Report 99.361

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Gary O'Meara, Hutt City Council, was present for this item. He said that the City Council sought to retain Petone's historic unfluoridated and unchlorinated artesian water supply at no extra cost.

Cr Macaskill observed that the fluoridation issue had been reviewed in 1993, that the Petone community had been advised at the time that the Buick Street pumping station would be closed, that the station would be replaced only if the community was prepared to pay for it, and that development of the infrastructure to support this general process was the subject of an explicit agreement between the Hutt City Council and the Regional Council.

Members generally agreed that the primary issue was disaggregation of the water supply system rather than fluoridation.

Cr Allen was concerned that the Regional Council's contribution to the proposed water feature in Petone, for supplying untreated artesian drinking water, was not costed. Members noted that Hutt City Council had budgeted \$50,000 for the water feature, and agreed to consider sharing those costs when a proposal had been received from the Hutt City Council.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That the Committee:

- (1) *Reaffirms to Hutt City Council the WRC policy of promoting integration of the wholesale and retail water supply functions in the Wellington area.*
- (2) *Notes that the WRC is able to supply unfluoridated water to the Petone community at a substantially lesser cost to the region than Hutt City Council's scheme of a standalone water supply.*
- (3) *Notes that the impact of Hutt City Council building a standalone water supply scheme would be to partly disaggregate the wholesale water supply system to the detriment of the three other customer City Councils.*

(4) Recommends to Council that it:

- (a) Declines the request by the Mayor of Lower Hutt that the Hutt City Council take over the wholesale water supply function for the Petone area.**
- (b) Offers to contribute to the cost of a water feature in Petone, such as that proposed in Hutt City Council's 1999/2000 Annual Plan, for supplying untreated artesian drinking water.**

Matters for Information

US59 Petone Water Supply

Report 99.407

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Cr Allen thanked Regional Council officers for attending the Petone Community Board meeting on 7 July.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 60 Divisional Report

Report 99.414

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Cr Werry left the meeting at 2.35pm.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 61 Questions

There were no questions.

US 62 General

Cr McQueen paid tribute to Cr Allen for his reasonable and courteous approach on the Petone fluoridation issue, during all discussions, while supporting his constituents and principles.

The meeting closed at 2.49pm.

Cr A E McQUEEN
Chairman

Date:

Policy and Finance Committee – 3 August 1999

To be moved:

That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 20 July 1999, Items US 55 to US 62, be adopted.
