



## **Report 00.584**

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Report to Policy and Finance Committee  
from Greg Schollum, Chief Financial Officer

### **Statements of Corporate Intent – Council-owned Companies**

#### **1. Purpose**

To advise the Committee of the process for consideration of the 2000/01 Statements of Corporate Intent (SCI's) of Council-owned companies.

#### **2. Background**

As the Committee is aware the Directors of the WRC Holdings Group are required to provide to the shareholders a draft SCI by 31 July each year. The shareholder is then required to consider the SCI and provide comments back to the company by 31 August, with the Directors having until 30 September to consider such comments prior to finalising the SCI document.

A similar timetable is followed by CentrePort although the required consultation is with Port Investments Ltd, as shareholder. However, given the fact that the Council is the ultimate shareholder of CentrePort the CentrePort SCI has also been considered by the Council in the past, even though there has been no legal requirement to do so.

#### **3. The process this year**

Councillor Shaw's report (00.485) has put in train a process of consultation with the Directors of Council-owned companies over the extent to which the 'objectives' and 'operating principles' outlined in report 00.485 should be incorporated into the SCI documents.

Formal responses on Councillor Shaw's report have been sought from both WRC Holdings Directors and CentrePort Directors. These responses are attached as **Attachments 1 and 2** respectively.

In addition, the following meetings have been scheduled in order to fulfil the resolutions passed by the Council in respect of report 00.485:

- 8 August → workshop involving Councillors, Directors of WRC Holdings Group and Directors of CentrePort
- 15 August → WRC Holdings Group Directors' meeting
- 24 August → Special Policy and Finance Committee Meeting

In the light of Councillor Shaw's report, it seemed sensible for the Committee to formally consider the WRC Holdings Group SCI ( and CentrePort SCI) at the special meeting on 24 August. In this way the Directors of WRC Holdings will have been able to have the benefit of the workshop discussion on 8 August prior to finalising the draft SCI wording in time for the 24 August Policy and Finance Committee meeting.

(The legal requirement to provide to the shareholder a draft SCI by 31 July has been met as a draft SCI with the previous year's wording has been received at the Council's offices by that date).

As far as CentrePort is concerned a draft SCI has also be provided to me by the company. However, the CentrePort Directors may also wish to amend the draft SCI wording in the light of the workshop discussion on 8 August. Again, therefore, it seemed sensible to await consideration of the CentrePort SCI until 24 August.

#### **4. Workshop 8 August**

As outlined in Council's resolution #3 to report 00.485, the focus of the workshop on 8 August should be on the 'objectives' and 'operating principles' (sections 8 and 9) contained in Councillor Shaw's report, along with the responses received from the Directors of WRC Holdings Ltd and CentrePort Ltd.

Officers also will need direction on the mechanism for documenting those expectations (i.e. a stand alone charter or a component of the SCI document).

#### **5. Communications**

Not at this stage.

#### **6. Recommendation**

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**Attachment 1: Letter from WRC Holdings Group Directors dated 19 July 2000**

**Attachment 2: Letter from CentrePort Directors dated 27 July 2000**