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Report to the Wellington Regional Council
from Stuart Macaskill, Chairman

Chairman's Report

1. Leave of Absence

Cr McQueen seeks leave of absence from the Council from 23 April to 8 June 2001 (inclusive).

Recommendation

That Cr McQueen be granted leave of absence as requested.

2. Local Government New Zealand Matters

(a) Zone 4

As this clashed with a special meeting of the Wellington Regional Council only Cr Shields was able to attend, primarily in her role as a *Local Government New Zealand* Vice President: she may wish to comment further.

(b) 2001 Conference

Local Government New Zealand has now decided to hold a full scale Annual Conference in Wellington on 15, 16, and 17 July. In response to an invitation from the National Council (**Attachment 1**), Zone 4 has agreed to host the Conference. This Council, along with the Territorial Authorities from the Region, will be actively involved in specific arrangements for organising and arranging the Conference.

Mr Maguire will be representing Management on the organising group.

- (i) Normal practice is for Regional Councils to get together on the weekend preceding the Conference for a tour of some appropriate activities within the host region. Generally, this needs to be of interest to the wider roles of Regional Council's. Preliminary thinking is for a tour through the Hutt Valley to the Wairarapa with an overnight stay in Masterton and returning to Wellington on Sunday, 15 July. We would probably travel to the Wairarapa by train and return by bus.
- (ii) One day of the conference will involve a workshop field visit. The option we think that is the most appropriate for this Council to host, is "Unblocking the Arteries" which will deal with the transport issues. Participants in this forum be from Regional and Territorial Authorities. Further details will be reported to the Council in due course, together with estimate of costs likely to be incurred by the Regional Council.

(c) **AGM Remits**

The *Local Government New Zealand's* AGM will be included in the Conference. Member Authorities who wish to submit Remits have been requested to do so no later than Wednesday, 16 May. Councillors were invited to submit any suggestions to Ted Maguire in a recent Bulletin. No suggestions have been received at the time of writing.

Recommendation

That the Report be received.

STUART MACASKILL
Chairman

Attachment 1: Invitation to Zone 4