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Report 01.182

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 19 February 2001 at 1.15pm

Present

Councillors McQueen (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Shaw, Shields, Thomas and Werry

Also Present

Councillors Buchanan and McDavitt

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Laplanche, Leonard, Morrison, Nugent, Roberts, Samuel, Saywell, Schollum, Sells and Stone

Public Business

Procedural Items

US173 Apologies

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Laidlaw)

That the apologies from Councillor Hutchings (WCC) and Councillor Shields be confirmed.

US174 **Public Participation**

Mr P Hughes

Mr Hughes asked that the policy for the Bulk Water Supply Strategy and the Catchments be subject to better public consultation and that consideration be given to the Water Conservation Objectives of the Resource Management Act.

Mr Hughes also referred to Item 6 about Environmental Management systems for the Plantation Forestry Department and said there should be reference in the Policy Document to compliance with the Forestry Management Plan.

Councillor McQueen thanked Mr Hughes for his representations and said the matters raised will be considered by Mr Benham, Divisional Manager Utility Services.

US175 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Public and Public Excluded minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2000, Report 00.897, and Report PE 00.898, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.

Councillor McQueen said that the budget items will be considered later in the meeting.

Matters for Decision

US176 **Environmental Management Systems**

Report 01.01

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Members noted that Mr Benham will explain the linkages to the Forestry Management Plan at the next meeting of the Utility Services Committee.

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

That the Plantation Forestry Environmental Management System be adopted.

US177 **Wainuiomata Tunnel Easement to Hutt City Council and Hutt City Council Easement to Wellington Regional Council**

Report 01.24

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Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Laidlaw)

That the agreement be approved and the seal of the Wellington Regional Council affixed.

Matters for Information

US178 Divisional Report

Report 01.85

File: O/2/1/10

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Councillor Thomas left at 2.00pm.

US179 Wholesale Water: Proposed Additional Capital Works Projects

Report 01.89

File: B/25/1/1

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the information noted.

US180 Forest Condition Update - Catchments

Report 01.91

File: O/5/12/9

Mr Annakin, Divisional Manager, Landcare was present for this item.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shaw)

That the Landcare Committee report be received and the information noted.

US181 Questions

There were no questions.

US182 General

There were no matters of general business.

The open part of the meeting adjourned at 2.15pm and reconvened at 3.30pm. The meeting closed at 3.35pm.

Matters for Recommendation to Policy and Finance Committee

US183 **Long Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2001 Update (Incorporating Council's 2001/02 Annual Plan)**

(1) **Report 01.65**

File: CFO/7/6/9

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr McQueen)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) **Report 01.66**

File: CFO/7/6/9

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Werry)

That this report be received and the contents noted.

It was agreed to first consider the public excluded Operating Plans before considering the Plans on the agenda in the open part of the meeting.

US184 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 01.90

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Laidlaw)

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Report of the public excluded part of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 19 February 2001

(1) *Water Group: Proposed Operating Plans 2001-2010*

(2) *Plantation Forestry: Proposed Operating Plans 2001-2010*

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) <i>Water Group: Proposed Operating Plans 2001-2010</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</i>	<i>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</i>

reason for withholding would exist (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).

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| (2) <i>Plantation Forestry: Proposed Operating Plans 2001-2010</i> | <i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</i> | <i>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 carry on commercial negotiations).</i> |
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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) 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 of section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting adjourned at 2.15pm and reconvened at 3.30pm.

Matters for Recommendation to Policy and Finance Committee

US185 Utility Services Division: Proposed Operating Plans 2001-2010

Report 01.86

File: O/3/2/12

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the Water Group Operating Plan be approved in principle and that the water levy will remain at the same level but will be reviewed prior to the finalisation of the 2001/02 Annual Plan.*
- (3) That the Plantation Forestry Operating Plan be approved in principle and that no dividend be paid by forestry business in the 2001/2002 year.*
- (4) That draft operating plans for the above activities be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee for inclusion in the Council's proposed Long-Term Financial Strategy 2001-2010.*

The meeting closed at 3.35pm.

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Chairman

Date: