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Report 01.203

22 March 2001

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Record of the Meeting of the Special Policy and Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 22 March 2001 at 9.45am

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.
Matters for Information of Council are in italic type.

Present

Councillors Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Darroch, Laplanche, Maguire, Saywell, Schollum, Stone and Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 322 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 323 **Investing in the Future – the Proposed 2000-2010 Long Term Financial Strategy: 2001 Update (incorporating the proposed 2001/02 Annual Plan)**

Draft Annual Plan Document

A replacement page 39 entitled "Regional Transport, Material Changes from Investing in the Future 2000-2010" was circulated.

Members suggested a number of changes to the draft document. Mr Schollum said these would be included in the final version together with the additional editorial changes already received.

Mr Maguire advised that when account is taken of the increased number of assessments the average rates increase per assessment is 2.27%.

Resolved to Recommend**(Chairperson/Cr McQueen)**

- (1) That Council approves the document "Investing in the Future, proposed Ten Year Plan 2000-2010: 2001 Update (incorporating the proposed 2001-02 Annual Plan)" for public consultation – subject to minor editorial changes.
- (2) That any editorial changes are approved by the Chairman and the Chief Financial Officer.

P&F 324

Transport Division: Long Term Financial Strategy Scenarios**Report 01.155**

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Resolved to Recommend**(Cr McDavitt /Cr Turver)**

- (1) That the Report be received.
- (2) That Council note that:
 - (a) bringing public transport projects forward into the kick start funding period has a long term positive transport rating effect regardless of any assumption on patronage growth.
 - (b) the assumption made in the Transport Division Operating Plans on patronage growth is critical.
 - (c) information on current patronage growth will be available in late April or early May.
 - (d) it is understood that government are considering ways to ensure ongoing government fund support for passenger transport reflects the need to replace major infrastructure.

- (e) the Council of the day will have available to it the following ways of responding to the developing situation of the patronage funding scheme:
1. Withdraw or accelerate services.
 2. Raise or lower rates contributions.
 3. Raise or lower fare contributions.
 4. Lobby for changes in funding mechanisms.
 5. Review policies e.g. on levels of service in the regions Passenger Transport Policy.
 6. A mix of the above.
- (f) that officers would report further on whether to include in the proposed Annual Plan 2001/2002 document the public transport kick start projects labeled 4(e) part 2 to 4(i) in the budget Report 01.15 for the 2002/03 year.

Councillor Gibson left at 11.15am.

P&F 325 **Water Integration – Public Consultation**

Report 01.192

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)

That Council:

- (1) agrees to the attached document to Report 01.192 being used for the public consultation on water integration.
- (2) agrees that Councillor Laidlaw replace Councillor McQueen as one of the Wellington Regional Council's nominees for the water integration hearings.
- (3) notes that there be an introductory comment in the public consultation document explaining its status and origin.

Councillor Turver dissented.

P&F 326 **Communications Strategy – Positioning Statements**

Report 01.190

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Shields/Cr Thomas)

That Council endorses a review of the four LTFS high level statements with a report to be made to the Policy and Finance Committee meeting

on 19 April 2001.

P&F 327 **2001 Valuation Equalisation**

Report 01.175

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Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Werry)

That Council receives the report and notes its comments.

P&F 328 **Conference: "Sustainability – the Business Case – Global Scorecard 2001"**

Report 01.191

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Bonner/Cr Shields)

That Council approves Councillor Buchanan's attendance at the Conference "Sustainability-the Business Case-Global Scorecard 2001".

Councillor's Report

P&F 329 **International Conference on Sustainable Development – Hamilton 12-13 March 2001 – Councillor Buchanan**

Report 01.193

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Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)

That Council:

- (1) Receive the report and note its contents.**
- (2) Note that Councillor Buchanan has been invited to present a paper to the Australian RMLA Conference in Queensland.**
- (3) Authorise his attendance at the Australian RMLA Conference (9-11 May).**
- (4) Invite officers to prepare a detailed proposal/strategy concerning possible attendance at the Pacific Basin Mayoral Forum on Sustainable Development, for consideration by the Environment Committee at its meeting on 3 April 2001.**

The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: