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**Report 01.253**

19 April 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, 19 April 2001 at 9.30am**

**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, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

P&F 330      **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**Report of Committee**

P&F 331      **Landcare – 29 March 2001**

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**Resolved to Recommend****(Cr Werry/Cr Long)**

**That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 29 March 2001, Items LC 233, LC 236 and LC 237 and LC 243 the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.**

## **Matters for Consideration**

P&F 332      **Changes to the Transitional Regional Plan and Regional Freshwater Plan**

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**Resolved to Recommend****(Cr Buchanan/Cr Allen)**

**That the Council proceed with consultation on changing the Transitional Regional Plan so that it is withdrawn altogether, and making changes to the Regional Freshwater Plan.**

P&F 333      **Constituency Review – Local Government Commission Determination**

Report 01.231

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

**That the Council receives the report and notes the contents.**

P&F 334      **Review of the Public Works Act 1981**

Report 01.240

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The Chairperson proposed that with leave of the meeting, consideration of this report be held over until Mr P O'Brien, Property Adviser, joined the meeting later in the morning.

P&F 335      **Financial Report for the Eight Months ended 28 February 2001**

Report 01.244

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

**That Council receives the report and notes its contents.**

P&F 336      **Controller and Auditor-General's Report on Governance**

Councillor Bonner arrived at 9.45am.

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Chairperson/Cr Turver)</b>
<b>That Council:</b>	
(1) receives the report and notes its contents.	
(2) notes the current arrangements whereby the General Manager is also a director of CentrePort have worked well since 1995.	
(3) requests the Chairman seek clarification from the Office of the Controller and Auditor-General on the appropriateness of Council's policy in relation to the General Manager also being a director of CentrePort Ltd, in light of the Controller and Auditor-General's most recent report on Governance of Local Authority Subsidiary Entities.	

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#### **Review of the Public Works Act 1981**

#### **Report 01.240**

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Mr P O'Brien, O'Brien Property Consultancy Ltd, was present for this item.

Members noted that Mr O'Brien had been invited to join the *Local Government New Zealand Working Party* which is also preparing a submission on the Review of the Public Works Act.

A number of issues were raised during discussion and Mr O'Brien said these would be addressed during further consideration of the Regional Council's own submission.

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Chairperson/Cr Shields)</b>
<b>That Council:</b>	
(1) receives the report and notes its contents.	
(2) agrees in principle to support the Local Government New Zealand submission to Land Information New Zealand, except for those areas where alternative submissions are to be made.	
(3) agrees to support the specific submission being presented to Local Government New Zealand (as outlined in Attachment 2) expressing support for areas of agreement and seeking to achieve variation to the areas not agreed.	
(4) agrees that should any of the Council submissions not be adequately	

**reflected in the final Local Government New Zealand submission to Land Information New Zealand that the Council should present its own submission directly to Land Information New Zealand.**

Morning tea: 10.45am.

Resumption: 11.00am

P&F 337 **Proposed Communications Strategy**

**Report 01.246**

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Councillor Buchanan circulated an undated paper entitled “Strategic Communications” for discussion by members.

*Moved*

*(Cr Buchanan/Cr McQueen)*

- (1) That an Advisory Group of Councillors be established to develop a draft report on a strategic approach to communications.*
- (2) That the draft report be then discussed in a Workshop.*
- (3) Following the Workshop the draft report be presented to the next Special Policy and Finance Committee and Ordinary Council meetings.*
- (4) That the Advisory Group comprise Councillors Buchanan, Laidlaw, Shields and Turver.*

*Amendment*

*(Cr Allen Cr Bonner)*

*That Councillor Thomas be added to the Advisory Group.*

**CARRIED**

The motion as amended was then put and **CARRIED** viz:

**Resolved to Recommend**

- (1) That an Advisory Group of Councillors be established to develop a draft report on a strategic approach to communications.**
- (2) That the draft report be then discussed in a Workshop.**
- (3) Following the Workshop the draft report be presented to the next Special Policy and Finance Committee and Ordinary Council meetings.**
- (4) That the Advisory Group comprises Councillors Buchanan, Laidlaw, Shields, Thomas and Turver.**

P&F 338 **Communications: Possible “Strap Line” and Goal Statements**

**Report 01.247**

Mr Allard said that officers had not yet agreed to appropriate wording to commit to paper and will have discussions with the Advisory Group appointed in Item P&F 337 before preparing a report for Council’s consideration.

<p><b>Resolved to Recommend</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(Chairperson/Cr Shields)</b></span></p> <p><b>That Council receives the oral report from Mr Allard, Corporate Policy Manager.</b></p>
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P&F 339 **Enhancing Public Knowledge of Transmission Gully – Communication from Councillor Gibson**

**Report 01.248**

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Not proceeded with.

P&F 340 **Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 01.243**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Allen/Cr Turver)*

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

- (1) Report of the Public Excluded part of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 29 March 2001  
Report Back on Land Purchase Proposal: York Bay*
- (2) Appointment of a General Manager from 1 January 2002*

*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:*

<b><i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i></b>	<b><i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
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| <i>(1) Report Back on Land Purchase Proposal: York Bay</i> | <i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</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</i> |
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*withholding would exist (ie to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.*

- (2) *Appointment of a General Manager from 1 January 2002* *Because of the need to protect the privacy of natural persons and to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the Council* *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 because of the need to protect the privacy of natural persons and to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the Council).*

*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 meeting closed at 11.45am.

Cr S A MACASKILL  
Chairperson

Date: