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**Report 02.220**

23 April 2002

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**Record of the Special Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee  
held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146  
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 23 April 2002 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 Shields (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Thomas, Turver, Werry and Yardley

**Officers Present**

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Maguire, Schollum and Dr Watson

Mr Maguire introduced Amy Norrish, Policy Analyst, a new officer in the Council Secretariat

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

P&F 22      **Apologies**

Mr Maguire apologised for Mr Stone.

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the apology for lateness from Councillor Thomas be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

P&F 23      **Review of Council and Committees' Terms of Reference and Membership**

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Councillor Thomas arrived at 9.35am.

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Cr Buchanan/Cr Yardley)</b>
<b>That Council:</b>	
<p>(1)      <b>Adopt the recommended changes to Terms of Reference arising from Standing Committees' Recommendations .</b></p>	
<p>(2)      <b>Approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Regional Land Transport Committee.</b></p>	
<p>(3)      <b>Confirm the Terms of Reference for General Responsibilities of Standing Committees, the Policy and Finance Committee, the Policy and Finance Subcommittee Council.</b></p>	
<p>(4)      <b>Change the name of the Policy and Finance Committee to Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.</b></p>	
<p>(5)      <b>Confirm the appointment of Wellington City Councillor, Andy Foster, as a member of the Passenger Transport Committee with speaking, but not voting, rights.</b></p>	
<p>(6)      <b>Confirm the appointment of persons nominated by other organisations for appointment to the Regional Land Transport Committee as set out in para 3.2(2) of this report.</b></p>	
<p>(7)      <b>Accept WCC's invitation to be represented at meetings of their Council's Built and Natural Environment City Infrastructure Committees.</b></p>	

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Cr Evans/Cr Kirton)</b>
<b>That Council:</b>	
<p>(1)      <b>Approve Councillor McDavitt as the WRC representative on the Wellington City Council's Built and Natural Environment Committee.</b></p>	
<p>(2)      <b>Approve Councillor Turver as the WRC representative on the Wellington City Council's City Infrastructure Committee.</b></p>	

It was agreed that subject to agreement with Wellington City Council, other WRC Committee Chairpersons be invited to attend the Wellington City Council meetings when there were appropriate items on the agendas.

It was also agreed that the issue of reciprocal Committee representation be discussed with the Mayors.

P&F 24      **Rating of Utilities' Distribution Networks**

**Report 02.202**

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Councillor Aitken arrived at 10.05am.

Legal advice had been received that Council is not authorised to exempt Councils from Rates.

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Chairperson/Cr Yardley)</b>
<b>That Council notes:</b>	
(1) <b>That Wellington Regional Council rates will be levied on Utilities' Distribution Networks from 1 July 2002.</b>	
(2) <b>That Special Orders to be considered at the Special meeting of Council, following this meeting, include the recommended changes.</b>	

Councillor Kirton dissented.

P&F 25      **Exclusion of the Public**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)*

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

- (1) Appointments to Boards of Directors – Council LATEs*
- (2) Appointments to Council Committees*
- (3) Tranz Metro Performance Issues*

*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:*

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>(1) Appointments to Boards of Directors – Council LATEs</i>	<i>To enable the Council to protect the privacy of natural persons</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 enable the Council to protect the privacy of natural persons)</i>
<i>(2) Appointments to Council Committees</i>	<i>To enable the Council to protect the privacy of natural persons</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 enable the Council to protect the privacy of natural persons)</i>
<i>(3) Tranz Metro Performance Issues</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 withholding would exist (ie to enable the Council to carry on negotiations, including commercial negotiations, without prejudice or disadvantage)</i>

*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), (2) and (3)*

The open part of the meeting closed at 10.30am.

Cr M K SHIELDS  
Chairperson  
Date: