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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday 7 October 2004 at
9.30am.**

Present

Councillors Shields (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Turfrey and Wright and Drs Hastie, Bradbury and Watson

Mr Harris, Chief Executive

The Chairperson said that Mr Harris was unable to be present for today's meeting as he was visiting his mother who had taken ill.

Public Business

Procedural Items

467 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr McDavitt)

That the apology from Councillor Thomas be confirmed.

468 **Public Participation**469 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Barr/Cr Turvey)

That the public and public excluded minutes of the Council meeting, Report 04.581 and Report PE 04.582 held on 28 September 2004, and the public and public excluded record of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting Report 04.583 and Report 585 of 28 September 2004 be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.

Reports of Committees

470 **Policy Finance and Strategy Committee – 28 September 2004**

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Chairperson)

That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 7 October 2004, be adopted.

471 **Questions**

There were no questions.

472 **General**

Councillor McDavitt, Deputy Chairperson

Cr McDavitt said that as this meeting was the last of the triennium he would say a few words. Cr McDavitt said he could now recall several trienniums which all had their own character. The last three years had been happy and productive and he especially thanked the Chairperson for her friendly support to all including himself.

Cr McDavitt said he would also like to thank Chairpersons of Standing Committees, Deputy Chairpersons and members of the standing committees where much of the hard work is completed.

Councillor Shields, Chairperson

Cr Shields said she considered the last three years had made the best use of the talents of the political team of Greater Wellington.

Cr Shields said there had been a successful effort to improve relations with Mayors and other politicians in the region.

A Regional Strategy initiative had commenced and the CDEM Committee was up and running. The region now spoke with one voice and this boded well for the future.

Cr Shields wished all members well for the coming elections noting that Cr Kirton and Cr Turver had already been elected unopposed for the next three years.

Cr Shields said political success cannot be achieved without the support of officers and she was sorry that Mr Harris, Chief Executive was not able to be present today. Cr Shields thanked all officers for the valued support during the past three years.

Mr J Allard, Corporate Advisory Services Manager

Mr Allard said on behalf of Mr Harris, Chief Executive he would like to wish success to all members facing election on Saturday and looked forward to all present returning for the new triennium. Mr Allard also thanked the Chairperson for her best wishes to the staff of Greater Wellington.

The meeting closed at 11.40am.

Cr M K SHIELDS
Chairperson

Date: