



Report 04.293

31 May 2004

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**Record of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy
Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 31 May 2004 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 and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Benham, Cutler, Darroch, Forlong, Harris, Kennedy, Schollum, Mr
Wright and Drs Bradbury, Hastie and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

PF&S 268 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

Reports of Committees

PF&S 269 (1) Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee – 29 April 2004

Report 04.268

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Resolved to Recommend To Council (Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

That the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 29 April 2004, Items RSW 295 and RSW 296, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

(2) Environment Committee – 13 May 2004

Report 04.270

File: E/6/18/2

Resolved to Recommend To Council (Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

That the report of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 13 May 2004, Item E300, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

(3) Regional Action Plan for the Dairying and Clean Streams Accord

Report 04.289

File: ENV/12/08/01

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.

Resolved to Recommend To Council (Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

(2) That the Regional Action Plan for the Wellington Region be approved.

Resolved to Recommend To Council (Cr Aitken/Cr Buchanan)

(3) That Greater Wellington retain an open mind on the future need for regulation to achieve the objective of the Accord.

Councillor Kirton dissented.

Matters for Consideration

PF&S 270 **Endorsement of Wellington Regional Strategy Project Plan and Joint Committee**

Report 04.283

File: CPM/07/01/01

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

1. That a Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) be developed and overseen by a WRS Forum, a Joint Committee established under section 30 (1)(b) of Part 1, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
2. That it be noted that the WRS Forum will have the functions as identified in section 3.4 of this paper.
3. That the WRS Forum comprise:
 - 3.1 Two elected persons from each of Hutt City, Upper Hutt City, Kapiti Coast District, Porirua City, Wellington City and Greater Wellington Regional Councils (twelve in total).
 - 3.2 A non-voting appointee to represent the three Wairarapa councils.
 - 3.3 An appointee to act as chair of the Forum, not being an elected person or officer of any of the Councils of the region.
4. That it agree to the Terms of Reference for the WRS Forum as attached.

Councillors Kirton and Thomas dissented.

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Cr Aitken/Cr Evans)

5. That it agree that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Council be appointed to the WRS Forum (ex officio) and the nomination of an alternate be considered at the next meeting.

The motion was **CARRIED** on a show of hands 6 votes in favour and 4 opposed.

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Chairperson/Cr Werry)

6. That it note that the Forum will be serviced by the existing Wellington councils' Chief Executives' Forum, which will manage the project through a Project Director and a Project Executive Group of senior representatives from each of the participating Councils.

7. That it note that the Chief Executives' Forum will have the functions as identified in section 3.4.4 of this report.
8. That it note that there will be two Strategic Partners groups to act in an advisory role to the WRS Forum.
 - 8.1 Ara Tahi, the iwi advisory group of Greater Wellington will be invited to act as advisory on matters of significance to tangata whenua to the WRS Forum.
 - 8.2 A general strategic partners' forum comprising representatives from the community and people in sectors such as business, transport providers, Central Government and the community will be established initially to assist in the preparation of the Growth Framework.
9. That it note the Project Goals, Project Assumptions and Projects Scope as identified in this report in Section 3.1.1.
10. That it note that the Greater Wellington contribution of \$174,000 for 2004/05 will be covered by a combination of allocations in the Annual Plan and expenditure re-budgeted from 2003/2004 and associated reserve transfers, to be constituted as a specific allocation for accountability purposes.

Reporting

Members noted that following each meeting of the WRS Joint Committee the Project Director shall prepare a summary report of the business of the meeting and submit that report for information to each member authority following each meeting. The Greater Wellington representatives on the WRS Joint Committee will then present reports to the next meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

PF&S 271 **Western Corridor Review**

Report 04.275

File: TP/03/01/16

Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

1. *That the information provided by Transit New Zealand on their estimation of the cost of constructing the Transmission Gully motorway be received.*

Resolved to Recommend to Council

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)

2. **That the Terms of Reference be approved as a basis for the Western Corridor review.**
3. **That \$212,500 of the transport reserve for 2004/05 be allocated to fund the review.**

Members noted:

- (1) The Western Corridor Review will have a long term outlook to 2050 with a more detailed process for actions and priorities for the next ten years.
- (2) So far as possible, costing options will be based on design standards used for Transmission Gully costings.

PF&S 272 Business Case for Wellington Urban Passenger Rail

Report 04.274

File: T/11/02/01

An addendum to Report 04.274 which gave an analysis of bus and rail for the Johnsonville and Melling lines was circulated.

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

1. *That the report be received and the efficiency ratios calculated for the urban rail network be noted.*

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

2. **That a formal initial application be made to Transfund New Zealand for a continuation of funding support for the current urban rail network.**
3. **That a detailed review of public passenger services in the northern suburbs of Wellington City be undertaken after the other Wellington City passenger transport review, to determine the most appropriate mix of passenger services, their routes and frequencies in the area.**

PF&S 273 Renewable Energy Initiative Update

Report 04.174

File: RE/02/02/04

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Aitken)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*

Resolved to Recommend to Council (Cr Kirton/Cr Aitken)

- (2) **That the revised dates for completion of the three feasibility studies mentioned in the report be noted.**

It was agreed a site visit be organised for Councillors later in the year.

PF&S 274 **Financial Report for the Eight Months ended 31 March 2004****Report 04.266**

File: G/4/1/5 & CFO/13/2/1

*Resolved**(Cr Barr/Cr Laidlaw)*

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*

Resolved to Recommend to Council**(Cr Barr/Cr Laidlaw)**

- (2) That the revised forecast figures be approved to 30 June 2004 (termed 'outlook' within this report) and note that they will replace the forecast figures prepared as part of the half year review.**

Transport \$0.48 Million Unfavourable Variance

Members noted the \$0.48 million unfavourable year to date variance for Transport due to the list of projects, as outlined on Page 3 of Report 04.266 and the favourable forecast variance to 30 June 2004, and requested a more detailed explanation for the next Passenger Transport Committee meeting on 17 June.

PF&S 275 **Stadium Trust – Draft Business Plan 2004/05****Report 04.287**

File: CFO/27/12/2

*Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr Laidlaw)*

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*

Resolved to Recommend to Council**(Cr Long/Cr Laidlaw)**

- (2) That the Stadium Trust draft Business Plan 2004/05 be endorsed.**

PF&S 276 **Objection to Resource Consent Conditions – Transit NZ WAR 040036****Report 04.273**

File: WAR/04/0036/1

*Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr McDavitt)*

- (1) *That the report be received.*

Resolved to Recommend to Council**(Cr Long/Cr McDavitt)**

- (2) That Transit NZ's objection be upheld in whole, namely that**

- (a) Consent condition 15 be changed to read as follows:**

In the event that an archaeological site is encountered during works for the proposed development, work shall cease immediately and the consent holder shall immediately notify Ngati Kahungunu, Rangitaane o Wairarapa, the New Zealand Historic Places Trust and, if appropriate, the New Zealand Police so that an archaeological assessment can be made and advice given accordingly.

- (b) Consent condition 34 be deleted from the resource consent**

PF&S 277 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 04.285**

File: E/06/03/02

*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Kirton)*

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

Draft Contract for the Provision of Urban Rail Services

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>
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<i>Draft Contract for the Provision of Urban Rail Services</i>	<i>Because of the need to enable the Council to allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, 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 allow the carrying out of, without prejudice or disadvantage, 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:

Greater Wellington – The Regional Council

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.

Cr MK SHIELDS
Chairperson

Date: