



**Report 04.345**

14 June 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, 14 June 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, Darroch, Forlong, Harris, Laplanche, Saywell, Schollum, Mr Wright and Drs Bradbury, Hastie and Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PF&S 278 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McDavitt/Cr Buchanan)*

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

## Matters for Consideration

PF&S 279 **Record of Policy, Finance and Strategy Subcommittee – 1 and 3 June 2004**

**Report 04.303**

File: E/06/03/02

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

**That the report of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Subcommittee held on 1 and 3 June 2004 paragraphs PF&SS/C20 to paragraph PF&SS/C26 inclusive and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.**

PF&S 280 **Report of Wairarapa Flood Damage Subcommittee – 27 May 2004**

**Report 04.298**

File: E/06/12/02

**Resolved (Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)**

**That the Report of the Wairarapa Flood Damage Subcommittee held on 27 May 2004, Item WFD 3, and the recommendation contained therein, be adopted.**

PF&S 281 **Wholesale Water Levy 2004/5 and End of Year Adjustment Levy 2003/4**

**Report 04.322**

File: B/05/02/01 & G/04/01/01

**Resolved to Recommend to Council (Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)**

**(1) That pursuant to section 91 of the Wellington Regional Water Board Act 1972, the wholesale water contributions payable by constituent authorities for 2004/5 be as follows:**

	<b>2004/5 Levy \$ (GST inclusive)</b>
<b>Hutt City Council</b>	<b>6,570,318</b>
<b>Porirua City Council</b>	<b>2,747,563</b>
<b>Upper Hutt City Council</b>	<b>2,483,256</b>
<b>Wellington City Council</b>	<b>13,822,394</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,623,531</b>

The end of year adjustment levies for 2003/4 be as follows:

	2003/4 Adjustments \$ (GST inclusive)
Hutt City Council	(148,123) Credit
Porirua City Council	(64,695) Credit
Upper Hutt City Council	40,219 Debit
Wellington City Council	172,600 Debit

Settlement takes place on 20 July 2004.

- (2) That the above resolution be forwarded to each of the city councils under the Common Seal of the Wellington Regional Council.

PF&S 282 *Be the Difference* Programme

- (a) Continuation of the *Be the Difference* Programme

Report 04.332

File: CM/11/04/14

<b>Resolved to Recommend to Council</b>	<b>(Cr Turver/Cr Laidlaw)</b>
<b>That the continuation of the <i>Be the Difference</i> programme in 2004/05 be supported.</b>	

- (b) Review of *Be the Difference* Programme

Report 04.288

File: CM/11/04/14

Councillor Aitken arrived at 9.40am.

*Resolved* (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Turver)

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

PF&S 283 *New Funding for Be the Difference*

Report 04.333

File: CM/11/04/09

*Resolved* (Cr Aitken/Cr Buchanan)

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

<b>Resolved to Recommend to Council</b>	<b>(Cr Aitken/Cr Buchanan)</b>
<b>(2) That the increased expenditure of \$78,000 on the community outreach component of the <i>Be the Difference</i> programme for the 2004/05 financial year to be funded by a grant from the Ministry for the Environment, be approved.</b>	

PF&S 284 **Targeted Scheme Rates and Balances**

**Report 04.315**

File: WS/04/09/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Aitken/Cr Long)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

PF&S 285 **Finalisation of the 2004/05 Annual Plan**

**Report 04.328**

File: CFO/7/6/12

*Moved*

*(Cr Aitken/Cr Evans)*

*That the recommendations in Report 04.328 be taken separately.*

**CARRIED**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)*

*(1) That the report be received.*

**Resolved to Recommend to Council** (Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)

**That Council:**

**(2) approve the operating expenditure items listed within Attachment 2 of this report to be rebudgeted within the 2004/05 Annual Plan (incorporating projections for 2005/06-2012/13 as supplementary information).**

**Resolved to Recommend to Council** (Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)

**That Council:**

**(3) approve the capital expenditure items listed within Attachment 3 of this report to be rebudgeted within the 2004/05 Annual Plan (incorporating projections for 2005/06-2012/13 as supplementary information).**

**Resolved to Recommend to Council** (Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)

**That Council:**

**(4) approve the items of operating expenditure/(savings) and other adjustments within Attachment 4 of this report for inclusion within the 2004/05 Annual Plan (incorporating projections for 2005/06-2012/13 as supplementary information).**

**Resolved to Recommend to Council** (Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)

**That Council:**

- (5) **approve the items of capital expenditure and other adjustments listed within Attachment 5 of this report for inclusion within the 2004/05 Annual Plan (incorporating projections for 2005/06-2012/13 as supplementary information).**

**Resolved to Recommend to Council** (Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)

**That Council:**

- (6) **note that the impacts of the rebudgeting and other adjustments, as approved in recommendations 2-5 above, have been reflected within Table 1 and Attachment 1 of Report 04.328.**

Moved (Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)

- (7) That after having considered the other items contained within Report 04.328 and other reports on this order paper which could impact on the finalisation of the 2004/05 Annual Plan, approve the level of regional rates and the bulk water levy for the 2004/05 year (and the following eight years) as contained in this report.

### **Wairarapa Regional Irrigation Project**

*Amendment* (Cr Buchanan/Cr Long)

*That \$25,000 be approved for inclusion in the 2004/05 Annual Plan for assistance in public consultation associated with the Wairarapa Regional Irrigation Project.*

**CARRIED**

Councillor Buchanan tabled a copy of the 2004/05 project plan and budget for the above project.

### **Karori Wildlife Sanctuary**

*Amendment* (Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)

*That \$10,000 per annum be approved for inclusion in the 2004/05 Annual Plan for works and services to assist the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary.*

**CARRIED**

It was requested that the Trust be advised that the above approval will not necessarily be an irrevocable funding commitment for subsequent years.

Members noted that funding support for the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary and other projects such as funding for Mt Bruce had policy implications for similar biodiversity initiatives and requested officers to report on such policy implications at a future meeting of the Committee.

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

**That Greater Wellington apply to the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary Trust for Corporate membership.**

### **Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park**

*Amendment*

*(Cr Barr/Cr Long)*

*That \$15,000 be approved for inclusion in the 2004/05 Annual Plan for the Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park to plan for and commence the restoration of the Whareroa Stream as it passes through Queen Elizabeth Park.*

**CARRIED**

### **Chrystall's Bend Extended Stopbank**

*Amendment*

*(Cr Barr/Cr McDavitt)*

*That the Chrystall's bend extended stopbank capital project (project cost \$1.3 million) be brought forward by three years for commencement in 2005/06, subject to receiving a direct contribution of \$520,000 from Kapiti Coast District Council, noting there will be no impact on regional rates in 2004/05*

**CARRIED**

### **Renewable Energy**

*Amendment*

*(Cr Thomas/Cr Barr)*

That the expenditure items relating to renewable energy developments including the wind feasibility studies on Council and adjacent lands be deleted from the 2004/05 Annual Plan.

**LOST**

### **One-Section Cash Fares**

*Amendment*

*(Cr Thomas/Cr Kirton)*

That the expenditure relating to the introduction of the \$1.00 fare for adults as the standard one-section cash fare throughout the region be deleted from the 2004/05 Annual Plan.

**LOST**

**Ara Tahi and Iwi**

Amendment

(Cr Thomas/Cr Kirton)

(1) That the expenditure relating to Ara Tahi in the 2004/05 Annual Plan be reduced by half.

**LOST**

(2) That the expenditure relating to Iwi Consultation in the 2004/05 Annual Plan be deleted.

**LOST****Resolved to Recommend to Council****(Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)****That Council:**

**(7) After having considered the other items contained within Report 04.328 and other reports on this order paper which could impact on the finalisation of the 2004/05 Annual Plan, approve the level of regional rates and the bulk water levy for the 2004/05 year (and the following eight years) as amended above.**

Councillor Thomas dissented.

PF&S 286 **Wellington Regional Strategy Joint Committee****Report 04.305**

File: CFO/7/6/12

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

**That the Chairperson of the Environment Committee be appointed to the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum, ex officio, as the alternate representative.**

The meeting closed at 10.50am.

Cr MK SHIELDS  
Chairperson

Date: