



**Report 07.688**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance, and Strategy Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 27 September 2007 at 9.30 am**

**Present**

Councillors Buchanan (Chairman), Aitken, Baber, Evans, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Turver, and Wilde.

**Officers Present**

Attapatu, Benham, Bradbury, Corry, Cox, Davis, Dick, Gray, Henwood, Kennedy, Porteous, Pryce, Ryan, Sangster, Sewell and Turfrey.

**Also Present**

Colin Carter and members of Boulcott Golf Club; David Graham; Phil Sharman and Karen Young – Audit NZ (For Item 5); Ian Hutchings for (Item 14).

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PF&S 279      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Buchanan/ Cr Glensor)*

*That the Committee*

*Accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Laidlaw.*

**PF&S 280 Public Participation**

Mr Colin Carter spoke on behalf of members of Boulcott Golf Club. He presented Council with an outline of Boulcott Golf Club's proposed amendments to the proposed "green alignment" of the Boulcott/Hutt stopbank feasibility study, as well as expected advantages and disadvantages of the proposal.

Mr David Graham expressed his concern, as a resident involved in the original consultation process, that Council was making decisions that went against what was agreed through consultation. The Chairman clarified the Council's position on the issue, stressing that no significant changes would be made to the plan without undertaking further consultation with affected parties. The issue on the table is a proposal that would modify the "green alignment" as the preferred option, but the changes proposed would allow Boulcott Golf Club to still function after the construction of the flood bank.

**Additional Item to the Agenda**

The Chairman proposed an additional item relating to the purchase of Electric Multiple Units be added to the agenda. He advised that this matter could not be held over to a subsequent meeting of the committee due to its urgency and this being the final Committee and Council meeting of the triennium.

**Resolved** **(Cr Glensor/Cr McDavitt)**

**That the Committee recommends that Council:**

**Add an item to the agenda relating to the purchase of Electric Multiple Units, to be considered under public exclusion.**

**Matters for Decision****PF&S 281 WRC Holdings Limited – 2007 Financial Statements****Report 07.674**

File CFO/09/01/01

**Resolved** **(Cr Long/Cr Turver)**

**That the Committee recommends that Council:**

- (1) Receives the report.**
- (2) Notes the content of the report.**
- (3) Receives the 2006/07 financial statements of Pringle House Ltd, Port Investments Ltd, Greater Wellington Rail Ltd, Greater Wellington Transport Ltd, Greater Wellington Infrastructure Ltd and WRC Holdings Ltd.**
- (4) Approves, as sole shareholder, the 2006/07 financial statements of WRC Holdings Ltd.**

**Noted:**

Cr Aitken commented on the ambiguity of the comment on p13 of the Pringle House Limited notes to Financial Statements concerning Directors fees. It was suggested that the wording should better reflect the fact that Councillor Directors do not receive a salary for being on the board of Directors separate from their salary as a member of Greater Wellington Regional Council.

PF&S 282 **Water Supply Annual Report 2006/7****Report 07.664**

File B/21/04/10

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Kirton/ Cr Aitken)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
(1) <b>Adopts the summary Water Supply Annual Report for Greater Wellington Water for the year ended 30 June 2007, including final minor editorial amendments.</b>	
(2) <b>Expresses its real appreciation to the relevant officers for the work done in this division.</b>	

PF&S 283 **Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2007****Report 07.675**

File CFO/02/01/13

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Aitken/ Cr McDavitt)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
(1) <b>Receives the report.</b>	
(2) <b>Notes the content of the report.</b>	
(3) <b>Considers the following net amounts, in addition to those budgeted, be added to or deducted from the respective reserves, subject to any changes requested by the Subcommittee:</b>	
(a) <b>Transport Rate Reserves</b>	<b>860,000</b>
(b) <b>Transport Policy Reserve</b>	<b>349,761</b>
(c) <b>Wairarapa Bovine TB Rate</b>	<b>(182,542)</b>
(d) <b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-Catchment Awhea</b>	<b>(2,453)</b>
(e) <b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-Catchment Whareama</b>	<b>915</b>
(f) <b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-Catchment Homewood</b>	<b>(745)</b>
(g) <b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-Catchment Mataikona</b>	<b>542</b>
(h) <b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-Catchment Maungaraki</b>	<b>1,170</b>
(i) <b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-Catchment Kaiwhata</b>	<b>(2,921)</b>
(j) <b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-Drainage</b>	<b>(141,150)</b>
(k) <b>Wairarapa Shingle Royalty</b>	<b>44,625</b>

<i>(l)</i>	<b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-River LWVD</b>	<b>(357,459)</b>
<i>(m)</i>	<b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-River Waiohine</b>	<b>(19,091)</b>
<i>(n)</i>	<b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-River Gladstone</b>	<b>(2,707)</b>
<i>(o)</i>	<b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-River Waipoua</b>	<b>(4,788)</b>
<i>(p)</i>	<b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-River Waingawa</b>	<b>(14,170)</b>
<i>(q)</i>	<b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-River Lower Tauera</b>	<b>1,184</b>
<i>(r)</i>	<b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-River Lower Whangaehu</b>	<b>(282)</b>
<i>(s)</i>	<b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-River Upper Mangatarere</b>	<b>(20)</b>
<i>(t)</i>	<b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-River Te Ore Ore</b>	<b>19,146</b>
<i>(u)</i>	<b>Wairarapa Rating Schemes-River Mt Bruce</b>	<b>13,063</b>
<i>(v)</i>	<b>Wairarapa Workshop</b>	<b>32,463</b>
<i>(w)</i>	<b>Akura Nursery Reserve</b>	<b>4,405</b>
<i>(x)</i>	<b>Bioworks</b>	<b>(127,629)</b>
<i>(y)</i>	<b>River Rate Reserve-Hutt City</b>	<b>51,281</b>
<i>(z)</i>	<b>River Rate Reserve-Kapiti Coast</b>	<b>97,794</b>
<i>(aa)</i>	<b>River Rate Reserve-Porirua City</b>	<b>3,801</b>
<i>(bb)</i>	<b>River Rate Reserve-Upper Hutt City</b>	<b>59,783</b>
<i>(cc)</i>	<b>River Rate Reserve-Wellington City</b>	<b>(11,261)</b>
<i>(dd)</i>	<b>Flood Contingency Wairarapa</b>	<b>(446,979)</b>
<i>(ee)</i>	<b>Treasury and Planning systems reserve</b>	<b>(54,694)</b>
<i>(ff)</i>	<b>Finance System Reserve</b>	<b>485,496</b>
<i>(gg)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 06/07- Korokoro tree removal</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<i>(hh)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 06/07- Emergency equipment</b>	<b>(195,000)</b>
<i>(ii)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 07/08-Metlink Signage</b>	<b>225,000</b>
<i>(jj)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 07/08-Level 6 fitout</b>	<b>323,000</b>
<i>(kk)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 07/08-Bus &amp; Ferry Procurement Review</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<i>(ll)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 07/08-RLTS Review</b>	<b>120,000</b>
<i>(mm)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 07/08-Transport Model Update</b>	<b>31,500</b>
<i>(nn)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 07/08-Whiteria Park Ranger Service</b>	<b>216,000</b>
<i>(oo)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 07/08-Boundary Fence Akatarawa Forest</b>	<b>45,000</b>
<i>(pp)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 07/08-Wainuiomata Mainland Forest Island</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<i>(qq)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 07/08-Drycreek Possum Operation</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<i>(rr)</i>	<b>Rebudget to 07/08-QE2 private land protection</b>	<b>83,000</b>
<b>(4)</b>	<b>Agrees that the requirements for the forestry business unit to pay a dividend be waived for the 2006/07 year.</b>	
<b>(5)</b>	<b>Adopts the Annual Report and Summary Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2007.</b>	

PF&S 284 **Wellington Regional Strategy Multilateral Agreement**

**Report 07.634**

File WRS/14/02

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Buchanan/ Cr McDavitt)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
<b>(1)</b>	<b>Receives the report.</b>
<b>(2)</b>	<b>Notes the contents of the report.</b>
<b>(3)</b>	<b>Agrees to sign the Multilateral Agreement in Attachment 1, including any minor alterations that may be sought by any other Council.</b>
<b>(4)</b>	<b>Authorises the Chairman to sign the agreement.</b>

PF&S 285 **Draft terms of reference for the committees of the Wellington Regional Council: 2007-2010 triennium**

**Report 07.655**

File E/06/02/04

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Turver/ Cr Wilde)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
<b>(1)</b>	<b>Receives the report</b>
<b>(2)</b>	<b>Notes the content.</b>
<b>(3)</b>	<b>Agrees to recommend to the incoming Council that it adopt the draft terms of reference for Council committees for the 2007-2010 triennium</b>
<b>(4)</b>	<b>Notes for the attention of the incoming Council, the possible issues associated with the need for members of the proposed Environment Committee to have accredited training in order to sit on resource consent hearings panels and the name and composition of appointed members of the proposed Wairarapa and Catchment Management Committee.</b>

PF&S 286 **Policies on the appointment and remuneration of directors of Council organisations, and the appointment of non-elected members to council committees and subcommittees, and advisory groups**

**Report 07.648**

File E/09/15/01

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Greig/Cr Kirton)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
<b>(1) Receives the report</b>	
<b>(2) Notes the content of the report.</b>	
<b>(3) Approves the attached policies for recommendation to the incoming Council.</b>	

PF&S 287 **End of Triennium matters**

**Report 07.633**

File E/09/16/07

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Buchanan/Cr Baber)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
<b>(1) Receives the report</b>	
<b>(2) Authorises the Chief Executive to act on any emergency matters arising from the time the present Council and its committees are discharged until the members of the new Council make their declarations.</b>	
<b>(3) Authorises the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Divisional Manager- Environment Management, to appoint hearings panels if required to consider any notified resource consent application during this period</b>	
<b>(4) Instruct the Chief Executive to report any such matters to the incoming Council at the first appropriate opportunity.</b>	
<b>(5) In accordance with section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, appoint:</b>	
<b>Sally Baber</b>	
<b>Glen Evans</b>	
<b>Chris Laidlaw</b>	
<b>Terry McDavitt</b>	
<b>Margaret Shields</b>	
<b>Chris Turver</b>	
<b>as hearings commissioners for the period from 13 October 2007 until</b>	

**31 December 2007, and delegate to them the power to hear and decide resource consents when they are appointed to a hearings panel.**

- (6) Note that any commissioner appointed in accordance with (5) above will be remunerated at the same rate as paid to a Councillor.**
- (7) Note that the Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and any subcommittee established by that group shall not be deemed to be discharged on the coming into office of the members appointed at the 2007 triennial general election of the Council.**

**PF&S 288 WRC Holdings Limited – Resolutions in Lieu of Annual General Meeting**

**Report 07.613**

File M/30/09/01

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Aitken/ Cr McDavitt)</b>
<b>That the Committee, subject to the approval of WRC Holdings Limited's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007, recommends that Council, as sole shareholder of WRC Holdings Limited:</b>	
<b>(1)</b>	<b>Resolve by way of the written resolutions contained within Attachment 1 not to hold an AGM;</b>
<b>(2)</b>	<b>Authorise the Divisional Manager – Corporate and Strategy to affix the Council's Common Seal to the resolutions of the sole shareholder (Attachment 1).</b>

**PF&S 289 Proposed Reappointment of Objective and Interest Representatives on the Regional Land Transport Committee**

**Report 07.647**

File E/06/11/06

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Evans/ Cr Glensor)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
<b>(1)</b>	<b>Receives the report</b>
<b>(2)</b>	<b>Notes the content of the report.</b>
<b>(3)</b>	<b>Agrees to recommend to the incoming Council that it reappoint the following people to be members of the Regional Land Transport Committee:</b>

<b>Objective/Interest</b>	<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>Charles Finny</b>	<b>Jeremy Harding</b>
<b>Safety and Personal Security</b>	<b>Howard Royds</b>	<b>John Christianson</b>
<b>Public Health</b>	<b>Dr Stephen Palmer</b>	
<b>Access and mobility</b>	<b>John Anderson</b>	<b>Maurie Bognuda</b>
<b>Environmental Sustainability</b>	<b>Mike Mellor</b>	<b>Paula Warren</b>
<b>Cultural interests</b>	<b>Tom Paku</b>	<b>Jack Rikihana</b>

(4) **Agrees to recommend to the incoming Council that the members are reappointed for a term ending when amendments to legislation affecting the structure of the Regional Land Transport Committee come into force, but in any case no later than 1 July 2008.**

**Note** Cr Aitken requested her vote against the resolution be recorded.

PF&S 290 **Wellington Harbour Safety Management System**

**Report 07.676**

File J/03/01/05

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Greig/Cr Wilde)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
(1)	<b>Receives the report</b>
(2)	<b>Notes the content of the report.</b>
(3)	<b>Adopts the Wellington Harbour Safety Management System.</b>

PF&S 291 **Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme Rating Review**

**Report 07.636**

File WO/02/01/26

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Long/Cr Shields)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
(1)	<b>Receives the report</b>
(2)	<b>Notes the content of the report.</b>
(3)	<p>(a) <b>Agrees to commence the Special Consultative Process for finalising the proposed new rating classification for the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme.</b></p> <p>(b) <b>Notes the proposed timetable for consultation.</b></p> <p>(c) <b>Approves the Statement of Proposal and Summary of Proposal for public consultation.</b></p>



**Note:**

The committee did not recommend a delegation, as proposed in recommendation (d) of Report 07.636.

PF&S 292 **Decisions on Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Regional Coastal Plan (port noise provisions)**

**Report 07.567**

File X/09/06/11

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Baber/Cr Shields)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
<b>(1) Approves the Report of the Hearing Committee on Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Regional Coastal Plan.</b>	
<b>(2) Notes the fact of the decisions will be publicly notified.</b>	

### **Matters for Information**

PF&S 293 **Biodiversity: Full Year Review to 30 June 2007**

**Report 07.684**

File ENV/12/07/12

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Turver/Cr Long)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
<b>(1) Receives the report</b>	
<b>(3) Notes the content of the report.</b>	
<b>(4) Recommends to the incoming Council that Landcare, Environment and Rural Services and Wairarapa committees be kept abreast of Biodiversity issues.</b>	

**Note**

Councillors congratulated Tim Porteous on his work, and that of his team, in the field of biodiversity. Councillor Glensor advised that he considered that biodiversity matters warranted consideration by committees outside of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

PF&S 294 **Financial Report for the two months ending 31 August 2007****Report 07.679**

File CFO/13/02/01

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Evans/Cr Aitken)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends that Council:</b>	
<b>(1) Receives the report</b>	
<b>(2) Notes the content of the report.</b>	

PF&S 295 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 07.672**

File: E/0603/02

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Kirton)**That the Committee**Exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*

- (1) Appointments to the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee*
- (2) Chief Executive's Performance Review: September 2007*
- (3) Purchase of new Electric Multiple Units (EMUs)*

*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) Appointments to the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee</i>	<i>The information contained in this report relates to the appointment of members to the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory Committee. Release of this information would prejudice their privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered, and have expressed interest, in becoming members of the Wairarapa Hill Country Advisory</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 under sections 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).</i>
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*Committee. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override his privacy.*

*(2) Chief Executive's Performance Review: September 2007*

*The information contained in this report contains information relating to the Chief Executive's performance agreement. Release of this information would prejudice David Benham's privacy by disclosing details of his performance agreement with the Council. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override his privacy.*

*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 under sections 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect the privacy of natural persons).*

*(3) To recommend matters relating to the purchase of new EMUs.*

*The information contained in this report relates to Greater Wellington Rail Limited entering into a contract for the purchase of new EMUs. The preferred supplier has been chosen but the contracts have not yet been entered into. The report outlines terms of the proposed contracts which have still to be finalised. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council and Greater Wellington Rail Limited if further negotiations were to take place as it would reveal Greater Wellington Rail*

*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 under sections 7(2)(c), 7(2)(g) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence which, if released, would be likely prejudice the supply of similar information and its in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied, to protect information which if released would prejudice the maintenance of legal professional privilege and to enable Greater Wellington to*

*Limited's negotiation carry on without prejudice or strategy. disadvantage negotiations).*

*The report also refers to information provided by the tenderer in their tender documents. This information is subject to a mutually understood obligation of confidentiality. Release of information from tender documents would prohibit future tenderers from tendering if they were aware that such information would be made public. It is in the public interest that Greater Wellington receives tenders to ensure that Greater Wellington is able to attract the best possible tenderers.*

*The Council has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information to public proceedings for the meeting that would override these prejudices.*

*This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.*

- (4) *Permit Richard Fowler, Partner, DLA Phillips Fox, to remain for Agenda item 20 of this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge of legal matters relating to this issue. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of DLA Phillips Fox's role as legal advisor to Greater Wellington relating to the purchase of the EMUs.*

The public part of the meeting closed at 11.15 am.

Cr I M BUCHANAN  
Chairman

Date:

Jane Bradbury  
Acting Chief Executive

Date: