



Report 07.439

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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, 28 June 2007 at 9.30
am**

Present

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

Officers Present

Benham, Bradbury, Corry, Ding, Gray, Hammond, Kennedy, Reay, Ryan, Sangster, Timmer, and Turfrey.

Public Business

Procedural Items

PF&S 252 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

*Accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Glensor, and for absence
from Councillor Long.*

PF&S 253 **Public Participation**

No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting.

Matters for Decision

PF&S 254 **Loan to Regional EDA Limited**

Report 07.421

File WRS/08/02/01

Resolved	(Cr Turver/Cr Shields)
That the Committee recommends that Council:	
(1) Receives the report.	
(2) Notes the content of the report.	
(3) Approves a loan to Regional EDA Ltd up to a maximum of \$175,000 at an interest rate in 2007/08 of 7.95%.	
(4) Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to sign a loan document on similar terms and conditions with those agreements between Greater Wellington Regional Council and its other Council-controlled organisations.	

PF&S 255 **Loans for refurbishment of Wellington Urban Rail System and Wairarapa Rail Carriages**

Report 07.389

File: CFO/06/01/01

Resolved	(Cr Baber/Cr Evans)
That the Committee recommends that Council:	
(1) Receives the report.	
(2) Notes the content of the report.	
(3) Approves the Greater Wellington Regional Council entering a \$28.6 million loan with the Crown maturing on 30 June 2017.	
(4) Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to enter into such documents, acts, matters or things as are necessary, appropriate or desirable for the purpose of, or in connection with, or give effect to, any document, act or acts, matter or thing in relation to the loan.	

PF&S 256 **Fire and rescue services re-organisation submission**

Report 07.405

File: CFO/06/01/01

Resolved	(Cr Wilde/Cr Shields)
That the Committee recommends that Council:	
(1) Receives the report.	
(2) Notes the content of the report.	
(3) Endorses the draft submission (Attachment 1).	

PF&S 257 **Building Act 2004 – Proposed Transfer of Powers**

Report 07.373

File: ENV/10/08/02

Resolved	(Cr Turver/Cr Kirton)
That the Committee recommends that Council:	
(1) Receives the report.	
(2) Notes the content of the report.	
(3a) Agrees to consult on the proposed transfer of those functions, duties, and powers in Part 2 of the Building Act 2004 (excluding Part 2, Subpart 7 – Safety of Dams).	
(3b) Notes the proposed timetable for consultation.	
(3c) Approves the Summary of Information and Statement of Proposal for public consultation.	
(3d) Confirms Councillors Turver (Chair), Baber, and Laidlaw as a subcommittee of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee to hear and consider submissions received on the proposed transfer of powers.	
(3e) Approves the terms of reference for the subcommittee.	

PF&S 258 **WRC Holdings Limited Final Statement of Intent**

Report 07.412

File: CFO/09/01/01

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

PF&S 259 **WRC Holdings Ltd - Dividends**

Report 07.413

File: CFO/09/01/01

Resolved	(Cr Kirton/Cr Aitken)
That the Committee recommends that Council:	
(1) Receives the report.	
(2) Notes the content of the report.	
(3) Approves the intention of the directors of WRC Holdings Ltd to pay a dividend to the shareholder equating to 100% of the company's 2006/07 net profit after tax (excluding revaluation gains and losses).	

PF&S 260 **Greater Wellington's Communication Policy for the 2007 pre-election period**

Report 07.223

File: E/09/07/08

Resolved	(Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)
That the Committee recommends that Council:	
(1) Receives the report.	
(2) Agrees to observe the pre-election communication policy set out in this paper for the period 13 July 2007 to 13 October 2007.	

PF&S 261 **Greater Wellington Regional Council Standing Orders 2007****Report 07.112**

File: E/02/02/01

Resolved (Cr Aitken/Cr Baber)**That the Committee recommends that Council:**

- (1) **Notes that, pursuant to Clause 27, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Wellington Regional Council may amend Standing Orders by a vote of not less than 75 % of the members present.**
- (2) **Revokes the Greater Wellington Regional Council Standing Orders 2005.**
- (3) **Approves the Greater Wellington Standing orders 2007.**

PF&S 262 **Review of 2006-16 LTCCP document and preparation process****Report 07.401**

File: CFO/07/06/15

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Wilde)**That the Committee recommends that Council:**

- (1) **Receives the report.**
- (2) **Notes the content of the report.**
- (3) **Endorses the approach for the preparation of the 2009-19 LTCCP as outlined in Attachment 1.**

PF&S 263 **Resource Management Charging Policy****Report 07.402**

File: ENV/02/12.01

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Cr Laidlaw)**That the Committee recommends that Council:**

- (1) **Receives the report.**
- (2) **Adopts the Resource Management Charging Policy (2007) in its entirety.**

Matter for Information

PF&S 264 **Review of the eleven months ended 31 May 2007**

Report 07.407

File G/04/01/05

Resolved (Cr Turver/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (1) Receives the report.**
- (2) Notes the content of the report.**

Other Matters

PF&S 265 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 07.423

File: E/06/03/02

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the Committee

Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

- (1) Refinancing of the Stadium loan.*
- (2) Appointments to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust.*
- (3) Refurbishment and reconfiguration of the Regional Council Centre.*

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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- (1) *Refinancing of the Stadium loan.* *The information contained in this report relates to Greater Wellington's refinancing of the loan with ANZ National Bank in respect of the Westpac Stadium. The report outlines terms of the proposed refinancing. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council's commercial activities as it would reveal commercial financing arrangements. The Council been unable to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.* *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)(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to enable Greater Wellington to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities).*
- (2) *Appointments to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust.* *The information contained in this report relates to appointments to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust. Release of this information would prejudice the potential appointees' privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered, and have expressed interest in being appointed to the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust. 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 their 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).*

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| <p>(3) <i>Refurbishment and reconfiguration of the Regional Council Centre.</i></p> | <p><i>The information contained in this report relates to Greater Wellington entering into a contract for the refurbishment and reconfiguration of the Regional Council Centre. The contract has not yet been entered into. The report outlines terms of the proposed contract which may still be negotiated. Having this part of the meeting open to the public would disadvantage the Council if further negotiations were to take place as it would reveal the Council's negotiation strategy. The Council has been unable to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override this prejudice.</i></p> | <p><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 section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to enable Greater Wellington to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations).</i></p> |
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These resolutions are 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.

The public part of the meeting closed at 10.30 am.

Cr I M BUCHANAN
Chairman

Date: