

Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 15 June 1999 at 10.30am

Present

Councillors McQueen (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Shaw, Shields, Thomas & Werry and Cr Hutchings (WCC)

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Kennedy, Leonard, Morrison, Roberts, Sells and Helen Sillars

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 45 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

US 46 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

US 47 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 1999 be confirmed, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded.

Matter for Recommendation

US 48 **1999/2000 Water Levy:**

(1) Report 99.315

File: O/5/3/6

Messrs Schollum and Stone were also present for this item.

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Werry)

That the Committee recommends to the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) That the bulk water levy for 1999/2000 be reduced by 4% from the 1998/99 level.*
- (2) Notes that the future levy position be reviewed subsequent to the asset revaluation and debt reviews.*
- (3) Notes that the result of that review will allow further reduction or increases in the levy or the status quo in future years.*
- (4) Notes that the efficiencies now being gained should be regarded as a constructive first step towards the greater gains to be made through developing integrated water management in the region.*
- (5) Notes that this reduction gives Territorial Authorities the ability to pass on savings to their water consumers.*

(2) Report 99.318

File: O/5/3/6

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Werry)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Matter for Decision

US 49 **Appointment of Chief Engineer**

Report 99.319

File: O/5/3/6

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Shaw)

That the Committee appoint the Manager, Strategy and Assets, M Kennedy, to be Chief Engineer in terms of the Wellington Regional Water Board 1972 and the Wellington Regional Water Board Bylaws 1976.

Matters for Information

US 50 **Y2K Preparedness**

Report 99.314

File: B/20/6/6

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 51 **Divisional Report**

Report 99.309

File: O/2/1/10

Fluoridation

Mr Benham said he would prepare a comprehensive report about the Hutt City's request to take over the Petone water supply for the next meeting.

Mr Benham also noted a public meeting, organised by Councillor Allen, would be held in Petone on Wednesday 14 July 1999 to which Councillors Thomas and Werry had been invited and which officers would also attend. Councillor McQueen said he would be present.

Facilities Management Contract – Customer Services

Mr Benham said discussions were continuing with Wellington City Council about performance indicators which should eventually result in improved reporting to the Committee.

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

US 52 **Questions**

There were no questions.

US 53 **General**

Staff Farewells

Councillor McQueen said that he noted with regret that Helen Sillars, Laboratory Manager and Greg Williams, Economist/Business Analyst had resigned. Councillor McQueen thanked Helen and Greg for their quality work with the Regional Council and wished both officers every success in their future careers.

Pricing Methodology Workshop – Water Levy

Members agreed there was need for a Pricing Methodology Workshop on the bulk water levy.

US 54 **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)

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

Report of the public excluded part of the Utility Services Committee meeting held on 15 June 1999

- (1) Contract No 1179: Pakuratahi East Forest Access*
- (2) Contract No 2182: Standby Generator for Te Marua Pump Station*

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:

General subject of Reason for passing Ground under section 48(1) for the each matter to be this resolution in passing of this resolution considered: relation to each

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| <i>(1) Contract No 1179:
Pakuratahi
East Forest
Access</i> | <i>Because of the need to
carry on 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 carry on
commercial negotiations).</i> |
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| (2) Contract No
2182: Standby
Generator for
Te Marua
Pump Station | Because of the need to
carry on commercial
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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:

Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting concluded at 12.15pm.

Cr A E McQUEEN
Chairman

Date: