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**Report 01.125**

19 February 2001

File: E/6/12/1

**Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Friday, 16 February 2001, at 9.30 a.m.**

**Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.**  
*Other matters for information of Council only are in italic type.*

**Present:**

Councillors Long (Chairperson), Buchanan, Macaskill, McQueen and Turver.  
Messrs Berkett, Beetham, Dalziell and Southey.

**Also Present:**

Councillor Shaw

**Officers Present:**

S Blakemore, I Gunn, S Hill, W O'Donnell, N Shakespeare, L Race,  
K Saywell, G Schollum, C Wright.

**Procedural Items**

**RSW 286      Apology**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Mr Berkett)*

*That the apology from Cr Shields be sustained.*

## Matters for Recommendation to Policy & Finance Committee

### **RSW 289 Long Term Financial Strategy 2001-2010: 2001 Update (incorporating Council's 2001/02 Annual Plan)**

#### **(1) Report of Council Chairman**

**Report 01.65**

**File: CFO/7/6/9**

Mr Southey stated that the Council's potential purchase of Tranz Metro could have a significant impact on the district's rating and requested discussion at an appropriate forum.

It was noted that appointed members were not up to date with the Tranz Metro issue and Cr Buchanan would brief them at the conclusion of the meeting.

*Resolved* (Cr Macaskill/Mr Dalziell)

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

#### **(2) Report of Chief Financial Officer**

**Report 01.66**

**File: CFO 7/6/9**

*Resolved* (Cr McQueen/Cr Turver)

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

### **RSW 290 Wairarapa Division: Operating Plans 2001-2010**

**Report 01.75**

**File: Y/21/1**

The Committee agreed to consider Item 12 (Report 01.77) on the order paper in conjunction with Report 01.75.

Members had a lengthy discussion on the possible funding implications for the Council with the proposed National Pest Management Strategy for Bovine Tb that the Animal Health Board was seeking to publicly notify before 1 July 2001.

Cr Macaskill and Mr Dalziell summarised the outcome of the recent meeting held with Animal Health Board and Government representatives.

**Resolved to Recommend (Mr Southey/Cr Turver)**

- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.**
- (2) That the following proposed Operating Plans be approved in principle:**
  - **Biosecurity**
  - **River Management**
  - **Soil Conservation**
  - **Planning & Resources**
  - **Business Units**
- (3) That the proposed Operating Plans for the above activities be recommended to the Policy & Finance Committee for inclusion in the Council's proposed Long Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2001 Update (incorporating Council's 2001/02 Annual Plan).**

Cr F R Long  
CHAIRMAN

Date:

**Policy & Finance Committee – 6 March 2001**

*To be moved*

**That the Report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 16 February 2001, Item RSW 286, and Items RSW 289 and RSW 290 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be received.**