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Report 01.369

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Record of the Meeting of the Special Policy and Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 29 May 2001 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 Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Ms Edwards, Mr Maguire, Ms McLachlan, Messrs Schollum, Stone, Waititi and Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 341 Apologies

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That the apology from Councillor McQueen be confirmed.

Reports of Committee

P&F 342 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 8 May 2001

Report 01.310 File: E/6/12/1

Bovine Tb Works and Services Rate-2001/02

Councillor Long said the recommendation in Paragraph RSW 334 about the Bovine Tb Works and Services Rate should be amended by deleting the reference to 4(a) so that it now reads as follows:

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Mr Southey)

That the Council adopts Option 4 as the rating basis for the Reallocation of the Bovine Tb rate for 2001/02 and subsequent financial years.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long /Cr Buchanan)

That the report of the meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 8 May 2001, Items RSW 333 and RSW 334, as amended, and the recommendations contained therein, be received and be referred to the Annual Plan Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 14 June 2001 when officers will provide a further report for consideration.

Councillor Gibson and Councillor Thomas dissented.

P&F 343 Utility Services – 17 May 2001

Report 01.329 File: E/6/17/2

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Shaw/Cr Laidlaw)

That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 17 May 2001, Items US 196 and US 197, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

P&F 344 General Manager Selection Subcommittee – 24 April 2001

(1) Report 01.349

Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

File: Q/7/10/1

That the report of the meeting of the General Manager Selection Subcommittee held on 24 April 2001, Items GMA1 and GMA2, be received.

(2) Report PE01.350

As a consequence of public advertising and media statements, the Chairperson has decided that these public excluded minutes should be dealt with in public business.

Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

File: Q/7/10/1

That the report of the Public Excluded part of the meeting of the General Manager Selection Subcommittee held on 24 April 2001, Items PEGMA1 and PEGMA2, be received.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 345 Environmental Education: Progress Update

Oral Presentation

Mr Skene, Manager, Environment Coordinator, Jo Campbell, Environmental Education Officer and Romae Duns, Sustainable Business Facilitator, gave an oral presentation updating progress on Environmental Education.

This included an overview and progress made in schools and the business sector.

Morning tea 11.00am Resumption 11.15am

P&F 346 Assisting Iwi to Assist the Council

Report 01.339 File: X/16/1/1

Councillor Allen left at 11.45am.

Moved

(Cr Buchanan/Chairperson)

- (1) That Council adopts a policy of providing funding from the Iwi project budget for building Iwi administrative capacity.
- (2) That the amount of funding available is to be set at \$15,000 per Iwi per year, to be drawn from allocation in the Long Term Financial Strategy.

Amendment

Cr Laidlaw/Cr McDavitt

That Council:

- 1. adopts a policy of providing funding from the Iwi project budget for building Iwi administrative capacity within the overall budget allocation of \$300,000.
- 2. *notes that specific funding criteria will be developed by staff.*

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr McDavitt)

That Council:

- 1. adopts a policy of providing funding from the Iwi project budget for building Iwi administrative capacity within the overall budget allocation of \$300,000.
- 2. notes that specific funding criteria will be developed by staff.

P&F 347 Regional Council Submission on the Draft National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy

Report 01.333 File: X/15/2/1

Mr Holmes, Section Leader, Policy Advice and Rosalind Groves, Hazard Analyst were present for this item.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

That the report be received and the submission on the Draft National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy be approved for submission with the necessary additions and amendments, as discussed and finally approved by Councillors Buchanan and Macaskill.

P&F 348 Wellington Lambton Interchange

Report 01.324 File: TP/6/4/1

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr Laidlaw)

That Council:

- (a) receives the report and notes its contents.
- (b) notes the total cost of the Wellington Lambton Interchange project is now \$10,830,000.
- (c) notes that the cost of the pedestrian subway (\$940,000) is being funded from Transport reserves.
- (d) approves a payment of up to \$711,000 this year for the Station Forecourt/Bunny Street element of the Interchange project.
- (e) notes that expenditure of up to \$761,000 is included in the proposed 2001/02 Annual Plan for further elements of the Interchange project depending on the level of Transfund funding support.

- (f) enters into a service agreement with Wellington City Council for the use of the Wellington Lambton Interchange facility once it is completed.
- (g) that the Divisional Manager, Transport, be delegated the authority to finalise the service agreement.

P&F 349 Passenger Rail

Report 01.337 File: CFO/11/4/2

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Turver/Cr Shaw)

That Council:

- (1) receives the report and notes its contents.
- (2) endorses the seven principles contained in the letter dated 20 April 2001 from the Region's Mayors and WRC Chairman to the Minister of Transport.

Councillor Thomas dissented.

P&F 350 Controller and Auditor-General's Report on Governance

Report 01.336 File: CFO/21/3/1

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Shields/Cr Shaw)

That Council:

- (1) receives the report and notes its contents.
- (2) confirms its existing policy with regard to governance and reporting arrangements for CentrePort Ltd and takes no further action in relation to the General Manager also being a director of CentrePort Ltd.

P&F 351 Financial Report for the Nine Months ended 31 March 2001

Report 01.341 File: CFO/4/1/5

Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

- (1) That this report be received and the contents noted.
- (2) That the revised forecast figures to 30 June 2001 (termed 'outlook' within this report) replace the forecast figures prepared as part of the half year review.

Report 01.325 File: CFO/4/1/5

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Shields/Cr Shaw)

That this report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 353 Workshops

Report 01.313 File: E/5/4/2

Mr Maguire said that following recent discussions with Mr K Brady, Assistant Auditor General, Paragraph 12 of Report 01.313 should be amended to show minutes are required for workshops under the Local Government Act. These should be brief and include the date of the workshop, those present and the subjects discussed.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Shields/Cr Shaw)

That Council endorses the Guidelines set out in Report 01.313, as amended above.

P&F 354 District Health Board Electoral Boundaries

Report 01.352 File: E/5/4/2

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted and a copy of the report be forwarded to the Minister of Local Government and the Chief Executive, Local Government Commission.

The meeting closed at 1.20pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL Chairperson

Date: