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Report 01.457

28 June 2001

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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 Thursday, 28 June 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, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Bezett, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum, Stone, and Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 368 **Leave of Absence**

Councillor Thomas.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 369 **Investing in the Future 2000/2010: 2001 Update and 2001/02 Annual Plan**

2.1 Report of Special Policy and Finance Committee – 14 June 2001

Report 01.452

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Resolved to Recommend (Chairperson/Cr Shaw)

That the Report be received.

2.2 Formal Adoption

Report 01.447

File: CFO/7/6/9

Resolved to Recommend (Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That Council:

(1) receives the Report and notes its contents.

(2) adopts pursuant to sections 122K and 223D of the Local Government Act “Investing in the Future – Wellington Regional Council Ten Year Plan 2000-2010: 2001 Update, incorporating the 2001/02 Annual Plan”, subject to any minor editorial changes approved by the Chairman and Chief Financial Officer.

(2.3) 2001/2002 WRC Rates – Statutory Process

Report 01.448

File: G/6/1/1

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Buchanan/Cr Werry)

That Council:

(1) receives the Report.

(2) recommends:

(a) that public notice be given of Council’s intention to make the following rates for 2001/2002

- General Rate
- Works and Services (Regional Transport) Rate
- Stadium Purposes Rate
- Works and Services (Rivers Management) Rate
- Wairarapa Catchment, Drainage and Water Supply Schemes Rates.

(b) that the 2001/02 rates be made at the meeting to be held on Thursday, 2 August 2001.

P&F 370

Water Services Agreement with Wellington City Council

Report 01.451

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Gibson)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Morning tea: 11.05am

Resumption: 11.20pm

P&F 371 **Resource Management Charges**

4.1 Report of Subcommittee – 31 May 2001 and 1 June 2001

Report 01.380

File: E/6/9/34

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Long)

That the Report of the Meetings of the Resource Management Charges Subcommittee held on 31 May and 1 June 2001, Items RMC 01 to RMC 06 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be confirmed.

4.2 Adoption of Charging Policy

Report 01.443

File: K/4/3/4

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Turver)

(1) That the Report be received.

(2) That a further amendment be made to the Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy altering the SOE cost factors for water takes on the Hutt, Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Rivers and for the Hutt Aquifer to ensure that the SOE Charges are appropriate.

P&F 372 **Stadium Trust**

Report 01.446

File: CFO/27/12/2

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr Turver)

That Council revokes the resolution of 14 June 2001 extending the appointment of Councillors Buchanan and Armstrong to 20.12.01.

P&F 373 **Local Government New Zealand – Proposed Changes to Constitution**

Report 01.445

File: E/7/7/6

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Long/Cr Allen)

(a) That the Report be received.

(b) That WRC representatives at the *Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on 18 July 2001* vote in favour of the proposed rule changes.

P&F 374 **Local Electoral Act**

Report 01.450

File: E/1/1/1

Resolved to Recommend (Cr Buchanan/Cr Gibson)
That the Report be received.

P&F 375 **Report on Study Tour of Great Britain, Berlin and Italy**

Report 01.449

File: E/9/5/2

Resolved to Recommend (Chairperson/Cr Buchanan)
(1) That the Report be received.
(2) That the grateful appreciation of the Chairperson and Mr Maguire of this very worthwhile opportunity to study comparable arrangements overseas be noted.

P&F 376 **Tranz Rail Withdrawal from the Bay Express, Napier – Wellington Passenger Route – Letter from Sue Kedgley MP**

The Chairperson said the supplementary item had been included because of the recent announcement of the purchase of Tranz Rail Scenic Services by West Coast Rail.

The Chairperson said that he would be meeting representatives of West Coast Rail, the new owners of the Wellington-Palmerston North train service, this evening and all Councillors were invited.

A paper dated 28 June 2001 about the purchase of Tranz Scenic Rail Services by West Coast Rail was circulated.

Resolved to Recommend (Chairperson/Cr Buchanan)
That the letter from Sue Kedgley MP and the oral report be received.

P&F 377 **Other Matters**

Councillor Shields sought leave of the meeting to speak briefly about her recent overseas visit to Thailand for the United Nations.

Councillor Shields said that as the United Nations had met all accommodation and travel expenses there will be no need for part reimbursement from the Regional Council.

P&F 378 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 01.454

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

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

Tranz Rail Wellington Negotiations

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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*Tranz Rail
Wellington
Negotiations*

Because of the need to carry on negotiations (including commercial negotiations)

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 including commercial negotiations)

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

The open part of the meeting closed at 12 noon.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: