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**Report 02.669**

31 October 2002

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**Record of the Special Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 31 October 2002 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 Shields (Chairperson), Aitken, Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Long, Thomas, Turver, Werry and Yardley

**Officers Present**

Messrs Allard, Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Schollum, Stone, Wright and Drs Bradbury and Hastie

**Special Guests: Chinese Local Government Managers Shanghai**

The Chairperson said the Council is assisting with the hosting of six local government managers from Shanghai and providing them with an overview of the Regional Council's activities. They will observe the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee and Council meetings today and join Councillors for lunch. The Chairperson welcomed the managers to the meeting.

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PF&S 77    **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Aitken)*

*That the apologies from Councillors Laidlaw and McDavitt, be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

PF&S 78 Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2002

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Erica Mason, the Council's audit Director from Audit New Zealand, was present.

Erica Mason gave a formal clearance on the Annual Report and said the Regional Council had achieved five grades of excellent out of a possible five.

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Chairperson/Cr Barr)</b>
<b>That Council:</b>	
(1) Receive the report and note its contents.	
(2) Approve the following net amounts, in addition to those budgeted, be added to or deducted from, the respective reserves:	
(a) Regional Parks Land Purchase	\$4,000
(b) Transport Rate	\$564,000
(c) Bovine Tb Rate	\$37,000
(d) Wairarapa Schemes – Catchment Awhea	\$12,000
(e) Wairarapa Schemes – Catchment Whareama	(\$4,000)
(f) Wairarapa Schemes – Catchment Homewood	(\$1,000)
(g) Wairarapa Schemes – Catchment Maungaraki	\$3,000
(h) Wairarapa Schemes – Catchment Kaiwhata	(\$1,000)
(i) Wairarapa Schemes – Drainage	(\$17,000)
(j) Wairarapa Shingle Royalty	(\$101,000)
(k) Water Operations Network	\$10,000
(l) Wairarapa workshop	\$2,000
(m) Akura Nursery	(\$24,000)
(n) Wairarapa Schemes – River LWVD	(\$49,000)
(o) Wairarapa Schemes – River Waiohine	\$24,000
(p) Wairarapa Schemes – River Upper Ruamahanga	\$26,000
(q) Wairarapa Schemes – River Waipoua	\$10,000
(r) Wairarapa Schemes – River Waingawa	\$9,000
(s) Wairarapa Schemes – River Lower Tauera	\$3,000
(t) Wairarapa Schemes – River Lower Whangaehu	\$2,000
(u) River Rate – Hutt City	\$51,000
(v) River Rate – Kapiti Coast District	(\$77,000)
(w) River Rate – Porirua City	(\$20,000)
(x) River Rate – Upper Hutt City	\$21,000

(y)	River Rate – Wellington City	\$43,000
(z)	Election	\$8,000
(aa)	Expense Rebudget – KNE Pest Plants	\$25,000
(ab)	Expense Carry Forward - Wai Planning Vehicle	(\$18,000)
(ac)	Expense Carry Forward – Comms Branding	(\$134,000)
(ad)	Expense Rebudget – Catchment Management	\$85,000
(ae)	Expense Rebudget – Land Swap HCC	\$71,000
(af)	Expense Rebudget – Ecobus	\$50,000
(ag)	Expense Rebudget – Front Lead Light	\$45,000
(ah)	Expense Rebudget – Care Groups	\$20,000
(ai)	Expense Rebudget – GM’s Training/Development	\$40,000
(aj)	Expense Rebudget – Branding Implementation	\$20,000
(ak)	Expense Rebudget – Intranet Development	\$30,000
(al)	Expense Rebudget – Chairperson’s Vehicle	\$25,000
(am)	Expense Rebudget – IT Capex Programme	\$128,000
(an)	Expense Rebudget – Bovine TB control	\$31,000
(ao)	Expense Rebudget – Public Trans Mngers Vehicle	\$15,000
(ap)	Expense Rebudget – Petone Station Upgrade	\$100,000
(aq)	Expense Rebudget – QE2 National Trust	\$32,000
(ar)	Expense Rebudget – Aerial Photos	\$10,000
(as)	Expense Rebudget – Stormwater Investigations	\$74,000
(at)	Expense Rebudget – Coastal Landscape	\$28,000
(au)	Expense Rebudget – Belmont Track Repair	\$85,000
(av)	Expense Carry Forward – Lab TOC Analyser	\$60,000
(aw)	Expense Carry Forward – Planning Vehicle	\$22,000
(ax)	Expense Carry Forward – Moving/Storage Costs	\$60,000
(3)	Agree that the requirement for the forestry business units to pay a dividend be waived for the 2001/02 year.	
(4)	Agree that in line with Council policy, the remaining surplus after reserve transfers and working capital requirements, be applied to debt reduction.	
(5)	Adopt the Financial Statements and accompanying notes for the year ended 30 June 2002 subject to receipt of the Audit Report, and agree that any minor adjustments requested by Audit New Zealand be considered by officers and, if necessary, amended, pursuant to resolution (6) below.	
(6)	Agree that the 2002 Annual Report be published subject to any minor editorial amendments which should be approved by the Chief Financial Officer, in conjunction with the Chairperson.	

<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Chairperson/Cr Turver)</b>
<b>That staff be congratulated for the excellent rating from audit New Zealand which included five excellent grades out of five.</b>	

PF&S 79 **Regional Community Outcomes and the Role of Greater Wellington**

**Report 02.668**

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<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)</b>
<p>(1) That the interim regional community outcomes as specified in Attachment One as the basis for the 10 year plan be confirmed.</p> <p>(2) That the Council's 10 year plan activities will be broadly described under the "Take 10" headings of biodiversity, water, air, energy, land, access/transport, waste, recreation and parks, safety/hazards and community be noted.</p>	

**A Sustainable Region: Attachment to Report 02.668**

It was agreed the words *and hospital services* be added under the heading *Needs met Locally* in attachment one to Report 02.668.

PF&S 80 **Chief Executive Recruitment Subcommittee**

**Report 02.649**

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<b>Resolved to Recommend</b>	<b>(Chairperson/Cr Barr)</b>
<b>That the report be received and the contents noted.</b>	

PF&S 81 **Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 02.667**

*Resolved*

*(Chairperson/Cr Barr)*

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

- (1) Future Rate Collection Arrangements, Post 1 July 2003*
- (2) Chief Executive Recruitment Subcommittee*

*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:*

<b><i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i></b>	<b><i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
<i>(1) Future Rate Collection Arrangements, Post 1 July 2003</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including 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, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial negotiations y))</i>
<i>(2) Chief Executive Recruitment Subcommittee</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on negotiations to protect commercial sensitivity</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 negotiations to protect commercial sensitivity)</i>

*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 closed at 10.30am.

Cr MK SHIELDS

Chairperson

Date: