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## Chairperson's Report

### 1. **Additional meeting**

The Council's annual meeting schedule has a Council meeting scheduled for 1 July 2003. This meeting is required to adopt the rates resolution for the 2003/04 financial year under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The Local Government Act 2002 requires that the Council adopt a Long Term Council Community Plan prior to the commencement of the first year to which it relates. As a result it is necessary to have an additional meeting on 30 June to adopt the LTCCP.

### 2. **2003 Environment Summit**

The New Zealand Water and Wastes Association is holding the 2003 Environment Summit on 17-18 March in Wellington. The Summit provides a forum where the country's leadership can discuss the development of policies and regulatory issues, as they relate to water, waste, energy and the environment. I recommend that the Council be represented at the Summit by Cr Buchanan as Chairperson of the Environment Committee.

### 3. **Local Government New Zealand National Council**

Over the last few weeks I have had a major time commitment to the LGNZ KnowHow documentation that will help local government implement the new Act. I am now confident that the product will be both accurate and useful to the sector. The two guides - Governance and Decision-making - will be released at the seminars councillors will be attending in March. I am aware that both Mr Allard and Mr Schollum have been very significant contributors to the guides and their expertise is very widely acknowledged.

### 4. **Transport matters**

Councillors will be aware that Cr McDavitt and myself have been meeting with local Mayors and Members of Parliament to see how we can increase the proposed allocation of funding for transport improvements in the Region. I will report on progress at the meeting.

**5. Elected members' remuneration**

Good progress is being made a preparing advice on elected members' remuneration. However, this will now be presented to the 4 March meeting and not the current meeting as indicated in my last report

**6. Cr Yardley – Request for leave of absence**

Cr Yardley has asked for leave of absence from 19 March to 31 March. I recommend that her request be accepted.

**7. Recommendations**

- 1. That the Report be received.*
- 2. That a special meeting of the Council be held on 30 June 2003 to adopt the Long Term Council Community Plan.*
- 3. That Cr Buchanan attends the 2003 Environment Summit.*
- 4. That Cr Yardley be granted leave of absence from 19 March to 31 March 2003.*

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