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Report of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 9 September 2004 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 Thomas (Acting Chairperson), Aitken, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long and McDavitt

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Kennedy, Laidlow, Nugent, Samuel and Sells

Public Business

Procedural Items

US 149 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Thomas/Cr Aitken)

That the apologies from Councillor Werry and Councillor Shields, who was absent on other Council business, be confirmed.

US 155 **Divisional Report**

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Meetings Held by Ministry of Health (MOH) and Ministry for the Environment (MfE)**Resolved to Recommend to Policy and Finance Committee (Cr Aitken/Cr Laidlaw)**

- (1) That in relation to raw water and drinking water standards, the Utility Services Committee reports to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee significant concerns with:**
- (i) The lack of leadership by the three Central Government Agencies, Ministry of Health, Ministry for the Environment and The Treasury on the proposed new drinking water standards and the proposed system for the classification of catchments that provide source water for drinking purposes.**
 - (ii) The lack of co-ordination by these three Central Government Agencies in developing the raw water and drinking water policies and standards.**
 - (iii) The lack of confidence in Central Government's ability to communicate and listen to Regional and Local Authorities on the proposed raw water and drinking water standards.**
 - (iv) The lack of comfort with the current developments in relation to the Public Health Risk Management Plans.**

CR R F THOMAS
Acting Chairperson

Date:

Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee – 28 September 2004*To be moved:*

That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 9 September 2004, Item US 155 and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.