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Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday, 9 March 2006 at 9.36am

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 Buchanan (Chairman), Aitken, Baber, Evans, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Turver and Wilde

Officers

Benham (Chief Executive), Bradbury, Corry, Dick, Cutler, Gray, Hastie, Hutt, Kennedy, Morrison, Norrish, Reay, Saywell, Turfrey.

Public Business

Procedural Items

PF&S 125 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

PF&S 126 **Public Participation**

No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting.

Report of Committee

PF&S 127 Utility Services – 16 February 2006

Resolved	(Cr Kirton/Cr Long)
That the Committee	
Adopts the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 16 February 2006, Item US 49 and the recommendations contained therein.	

Matters for Consideration

PF&S 128 GW Transport Rates Apportionment Methodology and Allocation Model

Report 06.51

File: G/06/01/01

Resolved	(Cr Buchanan/Cr Glensor)
That the Committee recommends that Council:	
(1) Receives the report.	
(2) Notes its contents.	
(3) Approves the transport rates apportionment methodology and allocation model used in the preparation of Greater Wellington Regional Council's proposed ten year plan 2006-16, incorporating the 2006/07 Annual Plan.	

Noted

- Councillor Kirton asked that his negative vote be recorded.
- Officers to make an explanation of the faults in the previous model available to the public.

PF&S 129 **Pandemic Response Preparedness Status Report**

Report 06.34

File: E/09/14/01

Resolved	(Cr Turver/Cr Baber)
That the Committee recommends that Council	
(1) Receives the report.	
(2) Notes the content of the report.	

Noted

Civil Defence Emergency Management officers to update Councillors on their involvement in pandemic response management, possibly as an item in the Councillors' bulletin.

PF&S 130 **Half Year Review to 31 December 2005**

Report 06.58

File: CFO/13/02/01

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Long)

That the Committee recommends that Council

- (1) Receives the report.**
- (2) Notes the content of the report.**
- (3) Approves the use of the Operating Surplus in the Wairarapa Division for the following projects:**
 - (a) \$40,000 for the completion of the Lower Wairarapa Valley Scheme rating classification review.**
 - (b) \$43,000 for Key Native Ecosystems and Pest Animal programmes.**
 - (c) \$50,000 for Pest Plants to complete Regional Pest Management Strategy requirements following a 42% increase in eradication and containment sites.**
 - (d) \$75,000 for the Lower Wairarapa Valley river scheme to widen the Mahaki culvert and relocate a section of the Vollebreght stopbank (\$37,500 is from scheme reserves).**
 - (e) \$32,000 for Catchment scheme maintenance (\$16,000 is from scheme reserves).**
 - (f) \$58,000 for Drainage scheme maintenance (\$58,000 is from scheme reserves, the drainage schemes meet 100% of the cost).**
- (4) Approves the following additional expenditure:**
 - (a) Environment – Waiwhetu Stream remediation investigations - \$37,500.**
 - (b) Flood Protection – Waiwhetu Stream remediation investigations - \$83,750.**

PF&S 131 **Financial Report for the Seven Months ending 31 January 2006**

Report 06.61

File: CFO/13/02/01

Resolved	(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)
That the Committee recommends that Council	
(1) Receives the report.	
(2) Notes the content of the report.	

PF&S 132 **Sponsorship of Climate Change and Governance Conference**

Report 06.54

File: CM/01/09/03

Resolved	(Cr Buchanan/Cr Laidlaw)
That the Committee recommends that Council	
(1) Receives the report.	
(2) Approves sponsorship of the Climate Change and Governance conference to the level of \$10,000.	

Noted

- Councillor Long asked that his negative vote be recorded.
- Officers to investigate
 - Rearranging the Council's programme to enable Councillors to more easily attend the climate change and governance conference.
 - Arranging for conference speakers to address Councillors, if possible.

PF&S 133 **Appointment of Electoral Officer**

Report 06.53

File: E/09/07/07

Resolved	(Cr Aitken/Cr Turver)
That the Committee recommends that Council	
Appoints Amy Norrish as Greater Wellington's electoral officer.	

Noted

The Councillors expressed their pleasure at Ms Norrish's appointment as electoral officer.

PF&S 134 **Remuneration of Elected Members for 2006/07**

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File: E/05/02/03

Papers tabled

Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses — Greater Wellington Regional Council (amended version of the document in the order paper).

Resolved	(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)
That the Committee recommends that Council	
(1) Adopts the following annual salaries:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deputy Council Chairperson with Committee - \$67,610 ▪ Committee Chairpersons - \$64,791 each ▪ Chairperson Planning and Monitoring Subcommittee - \$54,228 ▪ Councillors - \$43,422 each 	
(2) Confirms Greater Wellington's Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses.	

10.37am The meeting closed.

Cr I M BUCHANAN
Chairman

Date: