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### **Report PE06.610**

### **Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee**

#### **Minute extract from meeting held on 9 November 2006**

#### **Puketiro Wind Farm Development: Report on Tenders Received for Development, Ownership and Operation**

Councillor Long declared a possible pecuniary interest in the item of business.

*Resolved*

*That the Committee:*

1. ***Receives*** the report
2. ***Notes*** the contents and presentation made, and in relation to the contract, instructs officers to take into consideration all matters raised in discussion
3. ***Notes*** that the pre-tender activities carried out by the Council relating to consultation, collection of wind data, preliminary investigations, and discussions with adjoining landowners, was welcomed by tenderers and has been very valuable in achieving competitive tenders.
4. ***Agrees*** that the Puketiro wind farm development will not impede the area also being used as a future water catchment.
5. ***Approves*** the confirmation of renewable Energy Systems Holdings Ltd as the preferred tenderer and mighty River Power Ltd as 2<sup>nd</sup> preferred tenderer.
6. ***Instructs Officers*** to enter into negotiation with the preferred tenderer to conclude the Puketiro wind farm development contract, and if the development contract cannot be agreed, to then carry out similar negotiations with the 2<sup>nd</sup> preferred tenderer.
7. ***Delegates*** the signing of the development contract to the Chief Executive when successfully negotiated.

8. *Approved the issuing of a media release once a contract has been concluded.*

Councillor Kirton asked that his vote against part 5 be recorded.

Councillor Long abstained from voting.

**Noted**

Officers were asked to:

- encourage the company to set up an incorporated New Zealand company for the project
- encourage the company to set up a staffed local office
- encourage the company to make reasonable use of local resources
- ensure that suitable Council land is fully utilised as a single stage wind farm development
- ensure that there is a co-ordinated media release between both the Council and the company.