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Report 99.349

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Record of the Special Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 22 June 1999 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 Macaskill (Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, McQueen, Shields, Thomas and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Bezett, Darroch, Kennedy, Laplanche, Maguire, Saywell, Schollum, Stone and MS Wood and Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 82 *Resolved* *(Chairperson/Cr Gibson)*

That the apologies from Councillors Turver and Shaw be confirmed.

P&F 83 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 84 (1) **Report of Policy and Finance Subcommittee – 10 & 11 June 1999**

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Amended pages 4, 5 and 6 were circulated.

Matters Arising

Some omissions from the Report as amended were noted, viz:

- Councillor Thomas left the meeting on Friday 11 June 1999 following the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce Submission at 10.20am.
- Councillor McQueen left at 12.15pm on the same day.

The following resolution was omitted:

- Councillor Buchanan moved and Councillor Long seconded a motion “that management report to Policy and Finance an allocation of \$30,000 from the \$100,000 unallocated expenditure to the Wairarapa Division to foster improved liaison with Iwi in the Wairarapa”.

A corrected copy (Report 99.330) is appended to this Report.

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Resolved to Recommend **(Cr Shields/Cr Long)**

That the Report as amended be received and the contents noted.

Councillor Gibson dissented.

(2) **Report of Extract from Landcare Committee – 8 June 1999**

This Report was circulated at the meeting. It was noted that the matters were included in the Chief Financial Officer’s Report.

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Resolved to Recommend **(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)**

That the Report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 85 **1999/2000 Annual Plan Transport Item – Completing a Road Pricing and Public Transport Funding Study**

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Allen)

That the Report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 86 **Annual Plan Submission -Wairarapa Maori Liaison Officer**

Report 99.338

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Moved

(Cr Long/Cr Buchanan)

That the concept of a Wairarapa Maori Liaison Officer be proceeded with subject to-

- (1) Satisfactory discussions with Wairarapa Iwi groups.
- (2) Funding of \$30,000 from the present unallocated sum of \$100,000 in the 1999/00 financial year for enhancing Council's relationship with Maori.
- (3) An initial trial period of a year.

Amendment

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That consideration of this item is deferred until a suite of recommendations for expenditure of the \$100,000 is considered by Council.

The amendment was put and **Carried** by 7 votes to 6 after a division as follows:

Ayes		Noes	
Councillors	Allen	Councillors	Buchanan
	Bonner		Gibson
	Laidlaw		Long
	Macaskill		McDavitt
	Shields		McQueen
	Thomas		Werry
	Chairperson (casting vote)		

The amendment was then put as the substantive motion and **Carried**.

Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That consideration of this item is deferred until a suite of recommendations for expenditure of the \$100,000 is considered by Council.

The meeting noted the need for the matter to be accorded high priority.

Morning tea: 10.50am

Resumption: 11.05am

P&F 87 A Better Environment: An Education/Communication Strategy

Report 99.336

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Werry)

- (1) That the approach of the environmental education/communication strategy is supported;**
- (2) That the \$100,000 allocated in the proposed 1999/2000 annual plan for the establishment of an environmental education co-ordinator is confirmed;**
- (3) That officers are requested to prepare a detailed work programme and budgets to be considered as part of the wider Long Term Financial Strategy.**

The Chairman congratulated all involved in the development of this proposal.

P&F 88 Finalisation of the 1999/2000 Annual Plan – Regional Rates and the Bulk Water Levy

Report 99.328

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Councillor Laidlaw left at 11.55am.

Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

- a) That the operating expenditure items listed within Section 3a of this report be rebudgeted within the 1999/2000 Annual Plan.**
- b) That the capital expenditure items listed within Section 3b of this report be rebudgeted within the 1999/2000 Annual Plan.**
- c) That the new items of capital expenditure and other adjustments listed within Section 3d of Report 99.328 be approved for inclusion within the 1999/2000 Annual Plan.**

Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

The new items of operating expenditure/(savings) and other adjustments listed within Section 3c of Report 99.328 be approved for inclusion within the 1999/2000 Annual Plan.

Councillors Bonner and Gibson dissented.

Resolved to Recommend

(Chairperson/Cr Shields)

That the levels of regional rates for the 1999/2000 year contained in attachment 1 to Report 99.328 including increased contributions to the rate line arising from revised budgets for Council's Treasury and the WRC Holdings Group, be incorporated into the final version of Facing the Future 1997 – 2007 : 1999 Update and 1999/2000 Annual Plan.

P&F 89 **Bulk Water Levy 1999/2000:**

(1) **Report 99.332**

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) **Report 99.334**

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Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Thomas)

(1) That pursuant to section 91 of the Wellington Regional Water Board Act 1972 the Bulk Water contributions payable by constituent authorities for 1999/2000 be as follows:

	<i>1999/2000 Levy GST Incl (\$)</i>
Hutt City Council	7,509,521
Porirua City Council	3,012,180
Upper Hutt City Council	2,944,248
Wellington City Council	13,769,948
Total	27,235,897

(2) That Council Resolution be forwarded to each of the City Councils under the Common Seal of the Regional Council.

P&F 90 **Revised 1999 Valuation Equalisation****Report 99.337**

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Resolved to Recommend**(Cr Long/Cr McDavitt)****That the report be received and the contents noted.**P&F 91 **Accounting Policy -Silviculture Costs****Report 99.303**

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Resolved to Recommend**(Cr Long/Cr Gibson)**

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.**
- (2) That the current accounting policy in relation to silviculture costs be changed so that such costs are capitalised with effect from 1 July 1999**

P&F 92 **Exclusion of the Public***Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Shields)*

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

- (1) WRC Debt Buy Back*
- (2) Future Audit Arrangements*

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.

General subject of Reason for passing this Ground under section 48(1) each matter to be resolution in relation to for the passing of this considered: each resolution

- (1) WRC Debt Buy Back Because of the need to That the public conduct of the Back carry on commercial whole or the relevant part of activities. the proceeding of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (to carry on commercial activities)*

(2) *Future Audit Because of the need to That the public conduct of the Arrangements carry on commercial whole or the relevant part of negotiations. the proceeding of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (to carry on commercial negotiations)*

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, or 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)

Councillor Gibson dissented.

That Mr Peter Cavanagh, Bancorp Holdings Limited be permitted to remain at this meeting, for Item I2 - WRC Debt Buy Back – because of his financial expertise. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of Mr Peter Cavanagh 's position with Bancorp Holdings Ltd as the Council 's advisor on this matter.

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.37pm.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: