

Report 99.702
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**Record of the Special Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee
held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday 23 November 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, Long, McQueen, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Darroch, Maguire, Schollum, Stone and Dr Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 148 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Allen)

That the apologies from Councillors Laidlaw and McDavitt be confirmed.

Agenda

The Chairperson said that the item Election and Polls Act Review had been included in the Council agenda for today's meeting but should have been included in the Policy and Finance Committee agenda.

Resolved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the item Election and Polls Act Review be included in the Policy and Finance Committee agenda for today's meeting.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 149 **Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 1999**

Report 99.664

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Erica Mason, a Director from Audit New Zealand and Alison Lohmann, a Manager from Audit New Zealand, who had recently completed the 1998/99 audit for the Regional Council were present.

Mr Laplanche and Marie Kitchener, Wellington Regional Council were also present.

Erica Mason said she would be giving the Regional Council an unqualified audit opinion. While the Regional Council had continued to improve its performance over the years there was also now significant work taking place implementing new systems. Financially and operationally the Council was a sound organisation reflected in the Audit Office gradings of the Council in past years. Erica also noted there had been a good partnership with Council officers and she thanked Council for its cooperation during the audit process.

Councillor Bonner arrived at 9.40am.

Moved

(Chairperson/Cr Turver)

That the recommendations in Report 99.664 be approved.

Amendment

(Cr Gibson/Cr Bonner)

That, in view of the use of the word "lending" in the item on the Stadium on page 118, further words be added to describe the likely position with regard to recovering the debt.

Lost

Lost on a show of hands 2 votes in favour and 10 votes opposed.

Resolved to Recommend	(Chairperson/Cr Turver)
(1) That this report be received and the contents noted.	
(2) That the following net amounts, in addition to those budgeted, be added to or deducted from, the respective reserves:	
(a) Hutt Ground Water	\$40,000
(b) Transport Rate	\$234,000
(c) Wairarapa Rating Schemes – Rivers	(\$346,000)
(d) Wairarapa Rating Schemes – Catchment	\$4,000
(e) Wairarapa Rating Schemes – Drainage	(\$6,000)
(f) Regional Water Supply	(\$1,763,000)
(g) WCW Network	(\$277,000)
(h) River Rate	(\$280,000)
(i) Akura Nursery	(\$47,000)
(j) Flood Contingency	(\$846,000)
(k) Finance Expenditure c/f	(\$750,000)
(l) Wairarapa Technical Service c/f	(\$15,000)
(m) Admin Properties c/f	\$5,000
(n) Bovine Tb Rate	\$184,000
(o) Wairarapa Shingle Royalty	\$11,000
(p) Rivers Transit Maintenance	(\$288,000)
(q) Wairarapa workshop	\$10,000
(r) Stadium	\$170,000
(s) Biosecurity expenditure c/f	\$39,000
(t) Flood Protection expenditure c/f	\$25,000
(u) Wairarapa Consents expenditure c/f	\$30,000
(v) Resource Policy expenditure c/f	\$30,000
(w) Wairarapa Operations expenditure c/f	\$28,000
(x) Wairarapa Waipoua Weirs c/f	\$90,000
(3) That in line with Council policy, the remaining surplus after reserve transfers and working capital requirements be applied to debt reduction.	
(4) That the Financial Statements and accompanying notes for the year ended 30 June 1999 be adopted subject to receipt of the Audit Report, and that any minor adjustments requested by Audit New Zealand be considered by officers and, if necessary, amended, pursuant to resolution (5) below.	
(5) That the Annual Report be adopted and published subject to any minor editorial amendments which should be approved by the Chairman.	

P&F 150 **Wider Wellington Olympics Trade Focus Group**

Report 99.681

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Resolved to Recommend **(Cr Allen/Cr McQueen)**

That the report be received and the contents noted.

P&F 151 **Elections and Polls Act Review**

Report 99.687

File: E/1/1/15

(1) *Resolved* *(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)*

That the existing deposit of \$100 for candidates be maintained.

(2) *Resolved* *(Cr Shaw/Cr Turver)*

That all local authorities (territorial and regional) be given authority to produce electoral information in language appropriate to their areas.

Council also requested that consideration be given to a mixed system of wards and constituency seats with up to over a third of the Council being elected from the whole local authority area. This may include constituencies based on the rural community or other characteristics eg Maori constituencies and reference to these be included in the submission under the heading "other issues".

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

That the attached submission on the review of the Local Elections and Polls Act 1976, as amended, be approved..

Councillor Turver left at 10.45am.

The meeting closed at 10.46am.

Cr S A MACASKILL
Chairperson

Date: