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**Report 99.751**

8 December 1999

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**Report of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Wednesday 8 December 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 McQueen (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Macaskill, Shaw, Shields, Thomas, and Councillor Hutchings (WCC)

**Officers Present**

Messrs Bailey, Benham, Kennedy, Leonard, Morrison, Roberts and van Dyk

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

US 81 **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr McQueen/Cr Shaw)*

*That the apology from Councillor Werry be confirmed*

US 82 **Public Participation**

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

US 83 **Confirmation of Minutes***Resolved**(Cr Shaw/Cr Thomas)*

*That the Public and the Public Excluded minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 1999, Report 99.744 and Report PE 99.745, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded be confirmed.*

**Matter for Decision**US 84 **The Water Group Long Term Financial Strategy****Report 99.717**

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Cr Hutchings asked if the bulk water levy was subject to the financial management provisions of the Local Government Act 1974. Officers were asked to report back on this issue.

Cr Shields joined the meeting at 9.45am and apologised for lateness due to other Council business.

**Moved***(Cr Thomas/Cr Shaw)*

- (1) That the report be received and the information noted*
- (2) That the report be sent to our four customers for comment prior to Council finalising its proposed Long Term Financial Strategy in March 2000.*
- (3) That the four customers be asked to comment on future water levies and debt levels having regard to the report, in particular the drivers in section 8.*

**Amendment***(Cr McQueen/Cr Thomas)*

*That the following clause be added to the above motion:*

- (4) That discussions with the four customers on the subjects raised in this report continue in the first quarter of 2000.*

**Carried**

The **motion** as amended was then put and **carried**.

## **Matters for Information**

### **US 85 Petone Water Supply**

**Report 99.729**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Shaw/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

### **us 86 Divisional Report**

**Report 99.728**

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Cr Shields advised that Local Government New Zealand was now leading a review of water and wastewater services, and noted that Howard Stone had been appointed to the review working party.

Cr McQueen recognised the work of Andrew Samuel in producing the Annual Business Report.

Cr Macaskill joined the meeting at 10.46am.

Cr McQueen advised that he intended to submit reports in the New Year to both the Utility Services Committee and the Landcare Committee on options for future land use in the Pakuratahi Catchment and the Incline Walkway in view of the changing public demands on those areas.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Thomas/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted*

### **US 87 Possum Control in the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Catchments**

**Report 99.727**

File: B/10/1/3

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shaw)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted*

### **us 88 Progress Towards Implementation of an Environmental Management System for The Water Group**

**Report 99.697**

File: B/27/1/1

*Resolved*

*(Cr Thomas/Cr Shaw)*

*That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**Other Matters**

**US 89 Questions**

There were no questions.

**us 90 General**

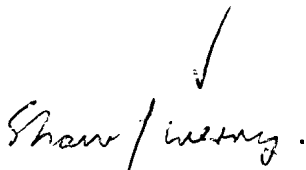
Members discussed the issue of liaison with the four bulk water customers.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Shaw/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the Committee Chairman discuss with the four territorial authorities the merits of a Councillor or officer presence at territorial authority and Wellington Regional Council committee meetings at which water issues are to be discussed.*

The meeting closed at 10.57am.



COUNCILLOR E McQUEEN  
Chairperson

Date:

**Regional Council – 9 December 1999**

***To be moved:***

**That the report of the meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 8 December 1999, Items US 81 to US 90, be adopted.**