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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 5 September 2000 at 9.30am

Present

Councillors McQueen (Chairperson), Laidlaw, Shaw and Werry.

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Kennedy, Leonard, Morrison, Nugent, Roberts and Sells.

Public Business

Procedural Items

US144 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Laidlaw)

That the apologies from Councillor Macaskill, Councillor Shields and Councillor Thomas be confirmed.

US145 **Public Participation**

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

US146 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Shaw/Cr Werry)

That the Public and Public Excluded minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2000, Report 00.602, and Report PE 00.603, the public excluded part to remain in public excluded, be confirmed.

Matter for Recommendation

US147 **Access to the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area**

Report 00.665

File: R/2/3/4, B/10/1/1

Mr Annakin and Anne Manley, Landcare Division, were present for this item.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr McQueen/Cr Laidlaw)

- (1) That managed public access to the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area, be approved in principal.*
- (2) That the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Access Plan 1998 (refer Report 98.296), be rescinded.*
- (3) That the attached implementation programme for access into the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area (Attachment 2), be endorsed.*
- (4) That the phased approach to implementing the programme, which specifies annual review periods for reporting-back on progress, to the Utility Services Committee, be noted.*
- (5) That implementation will start in due course with the first groups expected later this year, be noted.*
- (6) That the issue of moving toward cost recovery be examined and reported back in the review of policy in July next year.*

Matter for Decision

US148 **Response to the Commissioner for the Environment's Paper *Ageing Pipes and Murky Waters***

Report 00.673

File: B/20/9/2

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Shaw)

That the attached draft submission be approved, subject to the deletion of the first sentence in the penultimate paragraph on page 1 of the draft submission and other minor editorial changes as agreed.

Matters for Information

US149 Divisional Report

Report 00.664

File: O/2/1/10

Laboratory Business Plan

Councillor Shaw asked about the longer plans for the Laboratory.

Mr Benham said a review of a number of aspects of the Laboratory operations was taking place including pricing, the future capital programme and outside revenue opportunities. Mr. Benham said he would circulate a copy of the Business Plan.

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shaw)

That the report be received and the information noted.

Other Matters

US150 Questions

There were no questions.

US151 General

Visit to the Wainuiomata-Orongorongo Water Collection Area

Councillor McQueen said officers will organise a workshop visit to the above water collection area between November and March when the weather improved.

Forestry Tour

Mr Benham said arrangements were underway for a forestry plantation tour in the near future.

Exclusion of the Public

Councillor Shaw questioned whether all of the papers in the Performance Review report should be in the public excluded part of the meeting.

Mr Benham said some papers in the Performance Review report were not public excluded but considered it more efficient to consider the report as a whole rather than in 2 parts. Mr Benham noted that those papers not part of the public excluded resolution would be circulated in the open agenda when all such reports were presented to the Council.

US152 **Exclusion of the Public**

Report 00.680

Resolved

(Cr McQueen/Cr Werry)

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

Review of Performance for Year Ended 30 June 2000

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:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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<i>Review of Performance for Year Ended 30 June 2000</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).</i>
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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 of 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:

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The open part of the meeting concluded at 11.45am.

CR EUAN McQUEEN
Chairman

Date: