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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, 21 March 2000 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 (Acting Chairperson), Allen, Bonner, Buchanan, Gibson, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shaw, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Allard, Annakin, Benham, Bodnar, Darroch, Laplanche, Maguire, Saywell, Schollum, Stone, Wright and Drs Bradbury and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

P&F 191 Apologies

Councillor McQueen said Councillor Macaskill was recovering well and would be resting at home for the next two weeks.

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Buchanan)

That the apologies from Councillors Macaskill and Shields be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

P&F 192 **Investing in the Future – the Proposed 2000-2010 Long Term Financial Strategy incorporating the 2000/01 Annual Plan**

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Councillor McQueen suggested that members first consider the general philosophy presented in the “*Towards a Greater Wellington*” Volume 1 document before discussing the two volumes in detail.

Following a wide ranging discussion it was agreed there should be a more prominent reference to the importance of sustainable development in the regional community. Members agreed the reference to the 1992 “*Earth Summit*” in Rio de Janeiro should remain as it gave a mandate for the shared goal with the community but requested changes to the wording of Local Agenda 21 so that the sequence better reflected a greater emphasis on a sustainable basis for the region’s environment and social and economic development.

Councillor McQueen then asked members to consider Volumes 1 and 2 in detail.

Mr Stone confirmed there was a dispute whether the Stadium had retained its status as a Charitable Trust and he would report to Council with proposals for possible representations to Government once he had completed his enquiries.

Councillors made several suggestions to clarify or more fully disclose the rating impacts.

Councillor McQueen said members had made a number of editorial suggestions and asked that these be communicated to Mr Allard on an individual basis.

Councillor Shaw left at 1.05pm.

Resolved to Recommend

(Cr Allen/Cr Laidlaw)

- (1) That the document “Investing in the Future, Wellington Regional Council Proposed Ten Year Plan 2000-2010 incorporating the 2000-01 Annual Plan” be approved for public consultation - subject to minor editorial changes.**
- (2) That any editorial changes be approved by the Chairperson and Corporate Policy Manager.**
- (3) That a special meeting of Council take place on Wednesday 26 April 2000 at 1.00pm to consider the Transport Rate Differential Special Order giving effect to the final step in the transitional process.**

P&F 193 Local Government (Validation of Appointments) Bill

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Resolved

(Cr Allen/Cr Long)

That the report be received.

The meeting closed at 1.15pm.

Cr EUAN McQUEEN
Acting Chairperson

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