



**Report 05.65**

15 February 2005

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 15 February 2005 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 Buchanan (Chairperson), Aitken, Baber, Evans, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Turver and Wilde

**Officers Present**

Messrs Allard, Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Harris, Turfrey, Wright and Drs Bradbury, Hastie and Watson

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

PF&S 20    **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

## Matters for Consideration

PF&S 21 **Proposed Amendment to the LTCCP and 2005/06 Annual Plan**

**Report 05.49**

File: CFO/07/06/13

*Resolved*

*(Chairman/Cr Greig)*

*(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**Resolved to Recommend to Council**

**(Chairman/Cr Greig)**

**(2) That it be agreed that any editorial changes be approved by the Chairperson on the advice of the Corporate Policy Manager and Chief Financial Officer.**

PF&S 22 **Delegations to Committees and Chief Executive Officer**

**Report 04.701**

File: E/02/02/01

Amy Norrish was present for this item.

**Resolved to Recommend to Council**

**(Cr Aitken/Cr Evans)**

**(1) That, subject to any subsequent delegation made by the Council, the Council retains the sole right to exercise all those powers, functions and duties described in Attachment 2 to Report 04.701.**

**(2) That the Chief Executive Officer, Barry Harris, be delegated all those powers, duties and functions described in Attachment 3 to Report 04.701 as amended by the following:**

**(a) That the second bullet point in Section 2 of Attachment 3 to Report 04.701 be amended to read:**

**“In circumstances where timing imperatives preclude approval by Council in the six month review, approval has been obtained from the Council Chairperson and the relevant Committee Chairperson or Chairpersons.”**

**(b) That the second bullet point under General Conditions on page 2 of 3 of Attachment 3 to Report 04.701 be amended to read:**

**• “In making a decision or carrying out a duty under delegated authority, the delegates must make themselves aware of and have regard to:**

- Council’s Long-term Council Community Plan and other relevant Council or committee approved plans, policies and strategies**
- the political context in which they are working**
- any statutory requirements**

- possible conflicts of interest
  - materiality of the decision made
  - short and/or long term ramifications of the decision/choice to be made
  - relative risk to the organization of the decision/choice to be made”
- (3) That Committees be delegated all those powers, duties and functions described in attachment 5 to Report 04.701.
- (4) That any delegated decision must be made by those with the relevant powers who are at the lowest organisational level, unless that person determines that the decision should be escalated to a higher organisational level eg a manager or committee.
- (5) That all existing delegations from the Council to the following committees be revoked:
- (a) Policy, Finance & Strategy
  - (b) Environment
  - (c) Landcare
  - (d) Passenger Transport
  - (e) Regional Land Transport
  - (f) Rural Services and Wairarapa
  - (g) Utility Services
  - (h) Policy, Finance and Strategy Subcommittee (now named the Planning and Monitoring Subcommittee)
- (6) That all existing delegations from the Council to the Chief Executive be revoked.
- (7) That the Chief Executive Officer, Barry Harris, be delegated the power to revoke any delegation from the Council to any officer made on or before 15 February 2005.
- (8) That notwithstanding (6) above, the ongoing validity of any existing sub-delegation made by the Chief Executive Officer to any officer of any power, duty or function delegated to the Chief Executive Officer by the Council be confirmed, but reserve to the Chief Executive Officer the ongoing power to revoke any such sub-delegation at any time.

- (9) That the proposed new framework for officer delegations be amended by replacing the second bullet point on page 5 of Report 04.701 with:
- “Any limits set on the power of sub-delegation must be made in writing by the delegator when delegating their powers and will take effect when receipt of the advice has been confirmed in writing by the delegatee.”

PF&S 23 **Submissions on the 2004 Elections**

**Report 05.60**

File: E/09/07/07

Amy Norrish was present for this item.

Members agreed to the following amendments:

- the words *and community of interest issues* be added after *and rateable value* in the recommendation on Attachment 1 to Report 05.60 Page 2 of 3.
- The first sentence in the first box under 2 on Page 2 of 3 to Report 05.6 headed *Greater Wellington's Response* be deleted.
- The words *and rateable value* be deleted from the Recommendation (in bold) in Attachment 1 to Report 05.6 Page 2 of 3.
- The last sentence on Attachment 1 to Report 05.60 Page 3 of 3 in the second box under *Greater Wellington's Response* be amended to read as follows:

*This will ensure that any recommendations made by the Select Committee are as objective as possible.*

- That charter be *charters* in the 4<sup>th</sup> box under *Greater Wellington's Response* on Page 2 of 3 of Attachment 1 to Report 05.60.
- That an extra example be added to the last paragraph on Page 1 of 3 to Attachment 1 to Report 05.60.

**Resolved to Recommend to Council**

**(Cr Long/Cr Laidlaw)**

- (1) That the attached submission on the Justice and Electoral Select Committee enquiry into the 2004 local authority elections, as amended, be approved.
- (2) That the Council Chairperson be delegated the power to approve, on behalf of Council, Greater Wellington's submission to the Local Government Commission.

PF&S 24 **Resource Management and Electricity Legislation Amendment Bill – Submission**

**Report 05.39**

File: ENV/10/02/03

Nicola Shorten and Murray McLea were present for this item.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)*

*(1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*

**Resolved to Recommend to Council**

**(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)**

- (2) That gratitude be expressed to Local Government New Zealand for their contribution to the process.**
- (3) That Greater Wellington's draft submission, as amended, on the Resource Management and Electricity Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 be approved, subject to any changes that may be made following the discussions at the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.**

## Report of Committee

PF&S 25 **Planning and Monitoring Sub-committee – 1 February 2005**

**Report 05.31**

File: E/06/24/01

*Resolved*

*(Cr Aitken/Cr Chairman)*

*That the report of the meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Sub-committee held on 15 February 2005, Items PMS 01 to PMS 06, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.*

The meeting closed 11.40am.

Cr I M BUCHANAN  
Chairperson

Date: