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Report PE 06.667

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Minutes of the Public Excluded Part of the Meeting of the Policy, Finance, and Strategy Committee held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday 9 November 2006 at 9.48 am

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 (Chairman), Aitken, Baber, Evans, Glensor, Greig, Kirton, Long, McDavitt, Shields, Turver, and Wilde.

Officers Present

Benham, Bradbury, Corry, Crisp, Davis, Denton, Dick, Gray, Grounds, Hastie, Kennedy, Porteous, Reay, Shaw, and Turfrey.

Procedural Items

PEPFS 52 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Greig)

That the Committee

Accepts the apology for absence from Cr Laidlaw.

Matters for Decision

PEPFS 53 **Stoney Creek wind farm development: Expressions of Interest**

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr McDavitt)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Amends the number of companies invited to submit an Expression of Interest for the development of the Stoney Creek site from seven to four. The four being those who submitted valid tenders for the Puketiro site.*

PEPFS 54 **Puketiro wind farm development: report on tenders received for development, ownership and operation**

Councillor Long declared a possible pecuniary interest in the item of business.

Report RPE06.610

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Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Cr Baber)

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives*** the report
2. ***Notes*** the contents and presentation made, and in relation to the contract, instructs officers to take into consideration all matters raised in discussion
3. *Notes that the pre-tender activities carried out by the Council relating to consultation, collection of wind data, preliminary investigations, and discussions with adjoining landowners, was welcomed by tenderers and has been very valuable in achieving competitive tenders.*
4. *Agrees that the Puketiro wind farm development will not impede the area also being used as a future water catchment.*
5. *Approves the confirmation of renewable Energy Systems Holdings Ltd as the preferred tenderer and mighty River Power Ltd as 2nd preferred tenderer.*

6. *Instructs Officers to enter into negotiation with the preferred tenderer to conclude the Puketiro wind farm development contract, and if the development contract cannot be agreed, to then carry out similar negotiations with the 2nd preferred tenderer.*
7. *Delegates the signing of the development contract to the Chief Executive when successfully negotiated.*
8. *Approved the issuing of a media release once a contract has been concluded.*

Councillor Kirton asked that his vote against part 5 be recorded.

Councillor Long abstained from voting.

Noted

Officers were asked to:

- encourage the company to set up an incorporated New Zealand company for the project
- encourage the company to set up a staffed local office
- encourage the company to make reasonable use of local resources
- ensure that suitable Council land is fully utilised as a single stage wind farm development
- ensure that there is a co-ordinated media release between both the Council and the company.

The public excluded part of the meeting closed at 11.19 am.

Cr I M BUCHANAN
Chairman

Date: