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REGIONAL COUNCIL

## **Report 07.83**

22 February 2007

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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 Thursday, 22 February 2007 at 9.31 am**

## **Present**

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

## **Officers Present**

Benham, Bradbury, Corry, Davis, Dick, Hastie, Kennedy, McLea, Reay, Ryan, and Turfrey.

## **Also present**

McCaw (Chairperson), McKevitt (Administrator), Mackintosh (media consultant), and Spargo (Project Director) (all Wellington Strategy Forum).

## **Public Business**

### **Procedural Items**

#### **PF&S 217 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

PF&S 218 **Public Participation**

**Mayor Kerry Prendergast** (Wellington City Council) spoke in favour of the Wellington Regional Strategy, and urged Greater Wellington Councillors to support it.

**Councillor Ken Douglas** (Porirua City Council) spoke strongly in favour of the Wellington Regional Strategy.

**Mayor Wayne Guppy, Councillor Peter McCardle, and CEO Max Pedersen** (all Upper Hutt City Council) spoke against governance and funding for the Wellington Regional Strategy, and reported that their Council intends to lodge an objection under the Local Government Act if the Council adopts the Strategy.

**Mayor David Ogden** (Lower Hutt City Council) spoke against the governance and funding arrangements for the Wellington Regional Strategy, asked that decisions be deferred, and reported that his Council intends to align with Upper Hutt City on its stance on the Strategy.

**Mayor Alan Milne** (Kapiti Coast District Council) spoke in favour of the Wellington Regional Strategy, and urged Greater Wellington Councillors to support it.

**Charles Finny** (CEO, Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce) spoke in favour of the Wellington Regional Strategy, and urged Greater Wellington Councillors to support it.

**Noted**

In response to a question, Mayor Guppy stated that the Upper Hutt City Council intends to reduce its rate for Positively Wellington Business, and explicitly show the reduction in its draft annual plan.

**Matters for Decision**

PF&S 219 **Half Year review for the Six Months ended 31 December 2006**

**Report 07.69**

File G/04/01/05

**Resolved**

**(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Shields)**

**That the Committee recommends to Council that it:**

- (1) Receives the report.**
- (2) Notes the content of the report.**
- (3) Approves the following additional unbudgeted expenditure:**

a)	<b>Regional Parks</b>	
	- Red Barn at Queen Elizabeth Park	<b>\$89,000</b>
b)	<b>Environment</b>	
	- Hydrological network programme	<b>\$80,000</b>
	- Wellington Harbour sediment quality investigation	<b>\$50,000</b>
	- Get Sustainable Business challenge awards	<b>\$20,000</b>
c)	<b>Catchment Management</b>	
	- Biosecurity RPMS review	<b>\$20,000</b>
	- Biosecurity biodiversity publication	<b>\$11,000</b>
	- Conservation forestry fencing	<b>\$20,000</b>
d)	<b>Public Transport</b>	
	- Rail ownership project	<b>\$205,000</b>
(4)	<b>Approves the following expenditure to be allocated from existing projects:</b>	
a)	<b>Water</b>	
	- Chemical bunding at Te Marua	<b>\$65,000</b>
	- Additional costs as detailed in Attachment 6	<b>\$805,000</b>
b)	<b>Public Transport</b>	
	- Procurement review	<b>\$50,000</b>
	- Rail capacity studies	<b>\$50,000</b>

PF&S 220 **International Swap Dealers Association (ISDA) Contract**

**Report 07.64**

File: CFO/14/01/01

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Wilde/Cr Aitken)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends to Council that it:</b>	
(1)	<b>Receives the report.</b>
(2)	<b>Notes the content of the report.</b>
(3)	<b>Approves the Council entering into an ISDA with the Bank of New Zealand</b>
(4)	<b>Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to sign the ISDA on the Council's behalf.</b>

PF&S 221 **Regional Stadium Trust (Westpac Stadium) Funding Deed**

**Report 07.13**

File CFO/27/07/01

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Laidlaw/Cr McDavitt)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends to Council that it:</b>	
<b>(1)</b>	<b>Receives the report.</b>
<b>(2)</b>	<b>Notes the content of the report.</b>
<b>(3)</b>	<b>Agrees that no changes are required to the funding Deed.</b>

PF&S 222 **WRC Holdings Group – 2007/08 Draft Statement of Intent**

**Report 07.71**

File: CFO/09/01/01

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Wilde/Cr Evans)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends to Council that it:</b>	
<b>(1)</b>	<b>Receives the report.</b>
<b>(2)</b>	<b>Notes its contents.</b>
<b>(3)</b>	<b>Receives the draft Statement of Intent of WRC Holdings Group for 2007/08, and the immediately following two years and any comments or recommendations of the Council, as Shareholder, be forwarded to the directors of WRC Holdings Ltd for their consideration prior to the finalisation of the Statement of Intent in June 2007.</b>

PF&S 223 **Approval of Plan Change 1 to the Regional Freshwater Plan**

**Report 07.11**

File: C/32/01/04

<b>Resolved</b>	<b>(Cr Turver/Cr Aitken)</b>
<b>That the Committee recommends to Council that it:</b>	
<b>(1)</b>	<b>Approves Plan Change 1 to the Regional Freshwater Plan.</b>
<b>(2)</b>	<b>Makes Plan Change 1 to the Regional Freshwater Plan operative on 17 March 2007.</b>
<b>(3)</b>	<b>Publicly notifies the operative date for Plan Change 1 to the Regional Freshwater Plan on 3 March 2007.</b>

PF&S 224 **Remuneration of Elected Members for 2007/08****Report 07.26**

File: E/05/02/03

**Resolved** (Cr McDavitt/Cr Wilde)**That the Committee recommends to Council that it:**

- (1) Adopts the following annual salaries:**
  - **Deputy Council Chairperson with Committee - \$70,352.74**
  - **Committee Chairpersons - \$67,419.38 each**
  - **Chairperson Planning and Monitoring Subcommittee - \$56,427.87**
  - **Councillors - \$45,183.50 each**
- (2) Confirms Greater Wellington's policy on elected members' allowances and expenses.**

PF&S 225 **2007 Triennial Elections****Report 07.39**

File: E/09/07/07

**Resolved** (Cr Buchanan/Cr Evans)**That the Committee recommends to Council that it:**

- (1) Receives the report.**
- (2) Notes the timetable for the 2007 triennial local authority elections.**
  - (i) Advises territorial authorities in the Wellington region that its preferred method of voting is postal voting.**
  - (ii) Arranges the names of the Greater Wellington Regional Council candidates on the voting paper for the 2007 local authority elections in alphabetical order of surname.**
  - (iii) Approves that the voting documents received by constituent territorial authorities in the Wellington region in respect of the Council's 2007 triennial election be processed during the voting period.**

PF&S 226 **Communities for Climate Protection – NZ Programme**

**Report 07.72**

File: CP/13/02/06

**Resolved**

**(Cr Turver /Cr Shields)**

**That the Committee recommends to Council that :**

**Council joins the Communities for Climate Protection – NZ Programme, and commits to completing the 5 milestones of the programme.**

The meeting was adjourned between 11.10 am and 11.25 am for morning tea, and between 11.26 am and 12.40 pm to conduct other business. The meeting closed at 12.47 pm.

Cr I M BUCHANAN  
Chairman

Date: