

MINUTES OF THE 269TH MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 58 KILMORE STREET, CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY,
29 SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 9.30 A.M.

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PRESENT

Councillors T K Burke (Chairman), R A Budd, A S Carroll, E H Cunningham, R H M Johnston, R I R Little, A R McKay, A G Neill, N J Wagner and J M Waters.

MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS PRESENT

B R Jenkins (Chief Executive) and J C Pani (Manager Secretariat).

W Falconer (Director External Relations), M C Freeman (Director Regulation), K G Lawn (Director Operations), J D Talbot (Director Policy and Planning) and I W Thomas (Director Finance and Corporate Services) were in attendance for part of the meeting and some report authors were in attendance to present their reports.

The Chairman, Cr Burke, welcomed elected members, staff and visitors to the meeting and congratulated Cr Wagner on her recent election as a Member of Parliament. He also conveyed Council's congratulations to Cr Cunningham's sister Linda on her recent appointment as President of the Māori Woman's Welfare League.

1. APOLOGIES

Crs R M Kirk, M E Oldfield, J F Slee and W E Woods.

2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS – 24 AUGUST, 7 SEPTEMBER AND 14 SEPTEMBER 2005

Moved Cr Little, seconded Cr Budd.

That the minutes of the 266th, 267th and 268th meetings held on 24 August 2005, 7 September 2005 and 14 September 2005 be confirmed as true and accurate records.

CARRIED

3. MATTERS ARISING

24 AUGUST 2005 – ITEM 6: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS AIR QUALITY

John Talbot advised that staff were not yet in a position to report back to Council with the curved line path option because priority was being given to responding to requests from the Commissioners as a follow-up to the Air Quality Plan hearings.

In a response to discussion on the Air Quality Plan Bryan Jenkins advised that the issue of vehicle emissions had been discussed by Regional and District Councils Chief Executives who agreed Government needs to address this issue with more vigour.

Item 5 was taken at this time.

5. STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL FOR THE CLEAN HEAT TARGETED RATE LOAN SCHEME

Ken Lawn spoke to this item and tabled an updated document "Statement of Proposal to Introduce a Targeted Rate Loan Scheme for the Clean Heat Project in Christchurch". Mr Lawn worked through the Statement of Proposal document and highlighted the changes to the document circulated with the agenda. He advised that Council needed to set up a hearing panel to receive any submissions to the special consultative procedure that was required to amend the LTCCP. There was discussion on an appropriate panel to hear submissions. Council agreed to the appointment of Christchurch City Regional Councillors. Cr Burke advised he would take no part in the hearing of submissions.

Moved Cr Budd, seconded Cr Waters.

- (a) *That the Council adopt the tabled Statement of Proposal for the purpose of the special consultative procedure to consider the proposed amendment to the 2004/14 Long Term Council Community Plan to introduce a Clean Heat targeted rate loan scheme for Christchurch.*
- (b) *That the Council appoint the Christchurch City Regional Councillors (Crs Budd, Carroll, Cunningham, Kirk, Neill, Wagner and Waters) to hear submissions received to the Statement of Proposal, and to recommend decisions to the full Council.*

CARRIED

Item 6 was taken at this time.

6. GREATER CHRISTCHURCH METRO FARES

Moved Cr Burke, seconded Cr Johnston

That consideration of Greater Christchurch Metro Fares be adjourned to a future Council meeting following a briefing at a Council Workshop.

CARRIED

Deputations, Item 4, were received at this time.

4. DEPUTATIONS

- Mid Canterbury Federated Farmers, represented by Rupert Curd, Mark Lemon and Ian McKenzie spoke in opposition to the variation to NRRP Chapter 5 Schedule WQN9 being presented later in the meeting as Item 9. Mr Curd tabled a document in support of Federated Farmers' deputation.
- Mike Mora, Bob Shearing (Riccarton-Wigram Community Board), and representatives of the Halswell Residents Association tabled documents and spoke in support of Council introducing a Halswell to Christchurch Hospital bus service.

Cr Burke thanked members of both deputations and invited the visitors to join Council for morning tea.

Morning tea was taken from 10.45 to 11.05 a.m.

7. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WAIHORA ELLESMERE TRUST AND ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY

Ray Maw (Planning Team Leader – Environmental Flows Review) presented this item advising the purpose was for Council to confirm a Memorandum of Understanding between Environment Canterbury, and the Waihora and Ellesmere Trust. It was commented that this Memorandum of Understanding was dealing with the relationship between the Trust and Council only, and that other processes were addressing relationships with other stakeholders.

There was discussion on the structure of the Trust and its membership and whether it would be appropriate for Council to be represented on the Trust. Mr Maw advised that Trust membership changed each year and that he would provide Councillors with information on the Trust and its membership. There was also discussion on the complexity of land ownership. Mr Maw advised that the approach the Trust takes is to set up small project teams as a method of implementation.

Moved Cr Budd, seconded Cr Carroll.

That Environment Canterbury enters into a partnership with the Waihora Ellesmere Trust through a Memorandum of Understanding.

CARRIED

8. CROWN CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Brenda Greene (Senior Resource Management Planner) presented this report requesting Council endorsement of the submission on a Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry discussion paper on Crown Contributions to Regional Pest Management Strategies.

There was discussion on the timing of this paper to Council with submissions closing on 16 September. It was commented that having the Crown formally engaged in this process was positive progress in developing Council's relationship with the Crown.

Dr Jenkins advised that discussion on Crown contributions to Regional Pest Management Strategies was taking place at various levels and Councillors will have opportunities to be brought into the debate at a future stage.

Moved Cr Little, seconded Cr Budd.

That the submission on a discussion paper on Crown Contributions to Regional Pest Management Strategies be approved.

CARRIED

Item 10 was taken at this time.

10. REPORT ON WQL45 TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY

Mike Freeman (Director Regulation) presented this item updating Council on the progress by the WQL45 Technical Working Party to develop environmental guidelines for new sewerage systems. Dr Freeman advised that he would circulate the notes of the working party meetings to all Councillors.

Moved Cr McKay, seconded Cr Budd.

- (a) *That Council thanks members of the WQL45 Technical Working Party for their efforts to identify possible ways for Canterbury local authorities to avoid, remedy or mitigate the potential adverse effects arising from unauthorised discharges from sewerage systems.*
- (b) *That Council approves an extension of the non-enforcement policy for 18 months and continues its support for the WQL45 Technical Working Party on the basis that a proportion of activities that would be controlled activities could become permitted activities (either via compatible submissions/S42A reports to PNRRP hearing panel or variation to the PNRRP).*
- (c) *That a report be provided to Council by 1 October 2006 on progress towards developing a 'settlement' of issues relating to WQL45*

CARRIED

Item 12 was taken at this time.

12. CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL/ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 30 AUGUST 2005

Moved Cr Burke, seconded Cr Wagner.

That the minutes of the 30 August 2005 meeting of the Christchurch City Council / Environment Canterbury Joint Committee be received.

CARRIED

Item 11 was taken at this time.

11. DELEGATIONS

Mike Freeman spoke to the tabled Delegations report and attachment updating the Council's Statutory Regulatory Delegations, as a consequence of amendments to the Resource Management Act (RMA) that took effect from 10 August 2005. Dr Freeman commented that the delegations had been changed with some minor amendments to ensure that the changes to the RMA can be implemented if they need to be used immediately.

There was discussion on the late circulation of the report providing Councillors with a short timeframe to read the papers prior to making a decision.

Discussion on this item was adjourned until later in the meeting to allow Council to move into the Public Excluded meeting.

Item 27 was taken at this time.

27. MEETING WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED

The meeting then moved into Public Excluded.

Moved Cr Burke, seconded Cr Johnston.

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

- 27.1 *Public Excluded Minutes – 24 August*
- 27.2 *Public Excluded Minutes – 7 September and 14 September 2005*
- 27.3 *Briefing and Provision of Legal Advice on Yaldhurst-Masham S293 and Related Matters*

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution, 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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
27.1 <i>Confirmation of Minutes</i>	<i>That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest.</i>	Section 48(1)(a)
27.2 <i>Confirmation of Minutes</i>	<i>That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest.</i>	Section 48(1)(a)
27.3 <i>Briefing and Provision of Legal Advice on Yaldhurst-Masham S293 and Related Matters</i>	<i>That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest.</i>	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

27.1 Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information - Section 7(2)(b)(ii).

Maintain legal professional privilege – Section 7(2)(g).

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – Section 7(2)(i).

27.2 Maintain legal professional privilege – Section 7(2)(g).

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) - Section 7(2)(i).

27.3 Maintain legal professional privilege – Section 7(2)(g).

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) Section 7(2)(i).

It was further resolved that Margo Perpick be permitted to remain in the meeting following the exclusion of the public to allow Ms Perpick to respond to questions in relation to the Public Excluded item – Yaldhurst-Masham s293.

CARRIED

The meeting moved into public excluded from 12.10 p.m. to 12.45 p.m.

IN OPEN MEETING

Moved Cr Burke, seconded Cr Johnston.

That the meeting move into Open Meeting.

CARRIED

Lunch was taken from 12.45 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Cr Wagner left the meeting at this time.

The meeting resumed after lunch with discussion on Item 11.

11. DELEGATIONS (continued)

Moved Cr Neill, seconded Cr Budd.

That Council approve the following changes and additions to the Statutory Regulatory Delegations to Chief Executive and staff under the Resource Management Act 1991.

- (a) *Amend the position of Principal Consents Investigating Officer to Principal Consents Advisor.*
- (b) *Add delegations for the exercise of powers under Sections 41B and 41C of the Resource Management Act to the positions of Chief Executive, Director Regulation, Consents Operations Manager, and Principal Consents Advisor with authority to direct parties to a hearing to exchange evidence prior to the commencement of a hearing.*
- (c) *Add delegations for the exercise of powers under Section 42A of the Resource Management Act to the positions of Chief Executive, Director Regulation, Consents Operations Manager, Principal Consents Advisor and Team Leader Consents Investigations with the authority to require an officer of a local authority or a consultant or any other person to prepare a report for a hearing.*
- (d) *Add delegations for the exercise of powers under Section 92A (1)(2) and (3) of the Resource Management Act to the Regulation Hearing Committee and to the positions of Chief Executive and Director Regulation with authority to decline a resource consent application where an applicant does not provide the report within specified time limits or advises in writing of the applicant's refusal to provide the information.*
- (e) *Add delegations for the exercise of powers under Section 99A(1) and Section 99(8) of the Resource Management Act to the Regulation Hearing Committee and to the positions of Chief Executive and Director Regulation with authority to refer to mediation a person who has made a resource consent application or persons who have made a submission on a resource consent application, and with authority to decline to process a resource consent application or to consider a persons submission if they fail to attend a prehearing meeting.*
- (f) *Add Section 34(A)(1) Resource Management Act 1991 to the existing reference of Section 30 Schedule 7 Local Government Act 2002 to the Regulation Hearing Committee with the powers to appoint Consent Hearing Committees; to discharge an appointed subcommittee or committee, and the ability to delegate to a committee or subcommittee the powers of the consent authority.*
- (g) *Add delegations for the exercise of powers under Section 139A Resource Management Act to the positions of any one member of Resource Management Officers Group the power to determine requests for Existing Use Certificates.*

CARRIED

Item 9 was taken at this time.

9. VARIATION TO NRRP CHAPTER 5 SCHEDULE WQN9

Malcolm Miller (Senior Natural Resources Planner) and John Talbot (Director Policy and Planning) spoke to this item. A PowerPoint presentation document was tabled along with a graph "Annual series of effective irrigation season rainfall alongside the 12 month and low rainfall days totals".

Mr Talbot introduced the item and advised that at the present time an applicant needs a resource consent to take, use, dam and discharge water with a separate consent being required for both take and use.

Cr Wagner returned to the meeting at 1.45 p.m.

Mr Talbot advised that the variation to Schedule WQN9 would allow the majority of uses to be permitted activities without the need to obtain a resource consent. He said that it would also allow Environment Canterbury to manage how much water is allocated. Malcolm Miller commenced a PowerPoint presentation on seasonal irrigation demand standards.

Discussion on this item was adjourned to allow Council to consider the adoption of the Draft 2004/2005 Annual Report while Mr Tan from Audit New Zealand was in attendance.

Item 17 was taken at this time.

17. REPORT OF FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 2004/2005

Mr Julian Tan, Audit New Zealand, was in attendance for discussion on the 2004/2005 Draft Annual Plan. The following supplementary information was tabled:

- Additional report – With two recommendations replacing a recommendation contained in the memo circulated with the Draft Annual Report documents
- Explanatory Note – Amendments to the Annual Report
- Financial information – An extract from the Annual Report
- Additional report – Exemption for Council controlled trading organisations (CCTO)

Helen Sellwood (Finance Manager) presented the item “Exemption for Council Controlled Trading Organisations” report and advised that a local authority can exempt a non-active company such as a name protection company, from the accountability regime that applies under the Local Government Act Section 7. She advised that Environment Canterbury owns Environment Canterbury Limited and Living Streams Limited for name protection purposes and that both companies are non-active and undertake no activities on behalf of Environment Canterbury.

Moved Cr Budd, seconded Cr Waters.

That Environment Canterbury exempts Environment Canterbury Limited, Living Streams Limited and the Varroa Agency Incorporated under Section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 from 1 July 2004.

CARRIED

Mr Thomas briefed Council on the process for the adoption of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2005. He referred to amendments made to the draft reflecting changes in accounting presentation. He also commented on the need for Council to adhere to a very clear decision-making process to meet Audit NZ requirements and that Mr Tan was in attendance to provide advice and respond to questions from Councillors.

Moved Cr Neill, seconded Cr Wagner.

- (a) *That the information relating to the 2004/2005 Financial Statements be received.*
- (b) *That, subject to audit confirmation and to any final adjustment, following audit processes, the Committee recommends the financial statements to Council for inclusion in the 2004/2005 Annual Report.*
- (c) *That the Council adopts the Annual Report and the Annual Report Summary for the year ended 30 June 2005 subject to the amendments and upon confirmation that an unqualified audit opinion is available.*

CARRIED

Mr Tan confirmed that an unqualified audit certificate is available.

Moved Cr Carroll, seconded Cr Waters.

- (d) *That the audited Annual Report, prepared in accordance with Section 98 and Part 3, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002, with amendments, be adopted.*

CARRIED

Moved Cr Wagner, seconded Cr Budd.

- (e) *That the Annual Report Summary for 2004/05, subject to audit, prepared in accordance with Section 98 and Part 3, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002, with amendments, be adopted.*

CARRIED

Discussion on the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was adjourned to enable the Council to return to discussion on Item 9.

The meeting returned to Item 9 at this time.

9. VARIATION TO NRRP CHAPTER 5 SCHEDULE WQN9 (continued)

Mr Miller continued to talk to his PowerPoint presentation. There was lengthy robust discussion on the consequences to existing consent holders and new applicants with this variation to WQN9.

Afternoon tea was taken from 3.05 p.m. to 3.20 p.m.

Cr McKay commented that he had concerns about the science based on conversations he had had with farm advisors and farmers. He moved an amendment to vary Table WQN24: Total seasonal demand to meet plant water requirements.

Moved Cr McKay, seconded Cr Johnston.

That Variation 20 of Proposed NRRP Chapter 5 incorporating replacement of Schedule WQN9 and associated amendments, and the related s32 Report be approved and publicly notified for submissions in accordance with Schedule 1 of the RMA and that Table WQN24 be amended to read 815 mm/ha/yr as the total seasonal demand across all soil categories both intensive pasture and arable.

LOST

Moved Cr Budd, seconded Cr Waters.

That Variation 20 of Proposed NRRP Chapter 5 incorporating replacement of Schedule WQN9 and associated amendments, and the related s32 Report be approved and publicly notified for submissions in accordance with Schedule 1 of the RMA.

CARRIED

Item 13 was taken at this time.

13. REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES

Moved Cr Burke, seconded Cr Wagner.

That the report of the Portfolio Committees held 17, 18, 31 August and 1 September 2005 be received and that the matters for Council decision be approved.

Consolidated Portfolio 10 Year Work Programmes and Budget Envelopes

That the Council adopts the budget envelope, as the basis for undertaking detailed budgeting and setting levels of service provision, performance measures and targets for 2006-16 LTCCP, subject to the following directions and guidelines:

Must do sooner:

Air Portfolio

- *Include allowance for Clean Heat project for Timaru and other air sheds.*
- *All work associated with meeting National Environmental Standards (NES).*
- *Advocacy/enforcement work required to meet NES.*

Public Passenger Transport

- *Investigate strategic options for rail*
- *Investigate lower cost methods for contract monitoring*

Hazards

- *Gravel management to get desired environmental outcomes*

Land & Biodiversity

- *Aspects of tenure review process:*
 - *Wilding pines on retired land (e.g. Craigieburn area)*
 - *Impacts of land use intensification on freeholded land*
- *Biodiversity Strategy implementation*
- *Review capacity of Resource Care programme*
- *Stormwater management on Council owned land in Johns Road, Christchurch*

Pests and Biosecurity

- *Wilding pine control, explore options for control/eradication*

Democratic Process

- *Balance monitoring of permitted activities with education*
- *Collect data on high level indicators as required to report on community outcomes*

Could do later

Water

- *At the completion of the Canterbury Strategic Water Study, funding for development of Council policy arising from study (targeted rates)*

Lower priority "Nice to do"

Land & Biodiversity

- *Obtaining datasets on land use from external organisations*
- *Satellite data collection*

Pests and Biosecurity

- *Satellite data collection*

Funding options to be investigated

Coasts

- *Coastal occupation charges – awaiting national guidelines*

Navigation Safety

- *User chargers from Port Companies and other harbour users*

Air

- *Include Government (or other) funding for ChCh Clean Heat (and other towns)*
- *General rating for investigations- targeted rating for implementation (need for consistent funding policy across all portfolios)*
- *Offsetting air discharges for new consents*

Regional Land Transport

- *More joint projects with Territorial Authorities to access their higher percentage of national funding*

Public Passenger Transport

- *Seek funding from others for rail corridors and park and ride land purchase.*
- *Review bus fares*
- *Revisit when Urban Development Strategy finalised*

Hazards

- *Charging for gravel extraction*

Emergency Management

- *Revisit following decisions from CDEM Group*

Land & Biodiversity

- *Identifying Living Streams growth – funding is spread over many projects.*
- *Establishing an estimate for community funding for Living Streams*

Water

- *Funding water services (signal in LTCCP- but use existing funding policy in LTCCP forecasts)*
- *Show Living Streams as a separate line item on rate demand.*

Pests and Biosecurity

- *Encourage increase in central government funding.*

CARRIED

14. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

Cr Burke referred to the representatives of the Halswell Residents Association deputation to Council earlier in the meeting. There was general agreement that in light of the deputation and additional information available Council request a report from staff prior to Council considering the Halswell bus service link to the Christchurch Public Hospital.

Moved Cr Wagner, seconded Cr Waters.

That the following recommendations be left to lie on the table and that staff report back with options following on from the points raised by the deputation.

CARRIED

- (a) That the petition regarding the Halswell bus service linking to the Christchurch Public Hospital has been considered and at this time no change will be made to the service; and
- (b) that interactive consultation be undertaken with the public on the options for travel to the hospital; and
- (c) the issue of the Halswell service linking to the hospital is to be considered when this service is reviewed; and
- (d) that before the service review, options will be investigated with the bus company.

15. REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Cr Burke welcomed Peter Berry (Representation Review Consultant) to the table to respond to any questions.

Cr Johnston (Chair of the Representation Review Committee) presented the report of the meeting held on 13 September 2005. He talked about the requirement of the Local Electoral Act on local authorities to identify their communities of interest and determine what is effective representation for those communities of interest. He advised that the Committee was in agreement with a two-staged consultation approach where Council would first engage with the territorial authorities to gauge their perspective on effective representation for regional council activities. Cr Burke commented that the first meeting with territorial authorities (four southern councils) was to be held on Monday, 3 October 2005. He said that following the meeting with the southern district councils, Council could consider what additional information might be required through the pre-review consultation phase.

EXTENSION OF TIME BEYOND THE SIX-HOUR LIMIT

Moved Cr Waters, seconded Cr Little.

That the Council allow the meeting to continue beyond the six-hour limit.

CARRIED

Cr Burke further advised that the Regional Affairs Committee had set up a subcommittee to reach a common definition of "effective representation of communities of interest". He commented that if the southern councils' views aligned with the perspective at a national level it would provide a very powerful view.

Moved Cr Johnston, seconded Cr Budd.

That the report of the Representation Review Committee meeting held on 13 September 2005 be received.

CARRIED

Cr McKay left the meeting at 4.40 p.m.

16. REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP

Moved Cr Neill, seconded Cr Budd.

That the information be received.

CARRIED

The meeting returned to Item 17.

17. REPORT OF FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (continued)

Cr Burke referred the meeting to the additional and alternative sources of revenue discussion held at the Finance and Audit Committee meeting. He commented that Cr Johnston was keen to join Cr Neill and himself on a subcommittee to review and investigate additional and alternative sources of revenue used by other regional/unitary councils and to report back to the Finance and Audit Committee.

Moved Cr Neill, seconded Cr Budd.

That the report of the Finance and Audit Committee meeting held on 20 September 2005 be received.

CARRIED

Cr McKay returned at 4.50 p.m.

18. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Moved Cr Waters, seconded Cr Little.

That the report of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 21 September 2005 be received and that the matter for Council decision be approved.

1. RLTC TERMS OF REFERENCE

- (a) *That the Regional Land Transport Committee receives the report "RLTC Terms of Reference".*
- (b) *That the RLTC recommends that the Terms of Reference for the Regional Land Transport Committee, Regional Land Transport Officers Group and the Regional Land Transport Active Transport Working Group to reflect the completed merger of Land Transport Safety*

Authority and Transfund New Zealand to form Land Transport New Zealand.

- (c) *That the RLTC recommends that the Terms of Reference for the Canterbury Freight Working Group be amended to allow for increased membership to a total of twelve members so that OnTrack can be invited to become a member of the group and to acknowledge the membership of the Chartered Institute of Transport and Logistics New Zealand.*

2. 2005 DRAFT ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT

- (a) *That the Regional Land Transport Committee receives the report "Draft 2005 Annual Monitoring Report".*
- (b) *That the RLTC recommends to Environment Canterbury that the Draft 2005 Annual Monitoring Report, as amended, be adopted and distributed to the required statutory organisations.*

CARRIED

19. FINANCIAL REPORTS ON COUNCIL PORTFOLIO ACTIVITIES

Wayne Thomas presented this item and talked to the variance commentary on the August 2005 results.

Moved Cr Budd, seconded Cr Johnston.

That the information on the financial reports for the period ending 31 August 2005 be received.

CARRIED

20. APPOINTMENT TO CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ANIMAL ETHICS COMMITTEE

Jude Pani (Manager Secretariat) provided background to the request and the process of nomination. Cr Cunningham advised that a suitable person had been nominated through a separate process.

Moved Cr Johnston, seconded Cr Budd.

That the Council does not make a nomination to the Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences Animal Ethics Committee as Council has been advised that another suitable applicant has been identified.

CARRIED

21. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT TRAINING – THE TRAINING ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

Moved Cr Burke, seconded Cr Budd.

That Council approve Councillors Carroll, Kirk, Little, Slee and Woods attendance at the Ministry for the Environment sponsored training programme “The Training Assessment and Certification Programme for RMA Decision-Makers”.

CARRIED

22. INFORMATION ITEMS

**Documents Sealed
Civil Defence Insurance Cover**

Moved Cr Budd, seconded Cr Wagner.

That the information items be received.

CARRIED

23. COUNCILLOR REPORTS EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS/CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS

The following reports were received:

- Report from Cr Little on Otago Regional Council High Country Landscape Management Forum – 12-13 September 2005 which was circulated with the agenda.
- Cr Cunningham, as Council’s representative on the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust advised that the Trust had received \$20,000 funding from the Lotteries Board for a map database for the estuary that all agencies can use. She advised that Environment Canterbury staff are working with the Trust to prioritise the Environment Canterbury related action in the Ihutai Management Plan so that they can be funded in the 2006/2016 LTCCP. Cr Cunningham further advised that approximately 50 people attended the Trust’s third Annual General Meeting on 7 September 2005 and that Alex Drysdale has been reappointed as Chairman of the Trust for 2005/2006.

24. NOTICES OF MOTION – Nil.

25. QUESTIONS – Nil.

26. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS – Nil.

28. NEXT MEETING – 27 OCTOBER 2005

29. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 5.20 p.m.

CONFIRMED

DATE _____ CHAIRMAN