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Report to the Environment Committee
from Cr Ian Buchanan, Chairperson, Environment Committee

Nominations for the Wellington Region Environmental Agency

1. Purpose

To respond to an invitation to participate in the Wellington Region Environmental Agency (WREA).

2. Discussion

WREA was set up to provide for a co-ordinated response to waste management in the Region. Its aim is:

To increase awareness of environmental issues relating to the management of waste by providing a forum for local authorities to discuss issues and disseminate information.

Each local authority is invited to have one elected representative and one staff member on the Agency. During the last triennium, Cr Irvine Yardley and Chris Purchas, Resource Quality Officer, represented the Council on WREA. Chris Purchas has recently left the Council and his position is currently vacant.

Consequently, WREA has invited us to nominate a Councillor and a staff member to represent the Regional Council.

Given the importance of the management of waste in the Region and the merit of local authorities working together on the issue, I suggest that, as Deputy Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Cr Gibson be the Council's representative on WREA.

Dr Bradbury, Divisional Manager, Environment should nominate an appropriate staff member.

3. **Recommendation**

That Cr Gibson be the Council's representative on the Wellington Region Environmental Agency.

Submitted by:

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