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## **Increase budget commitments to Warm Wellington programme**

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek an annual budget extension to Greater Wellington's Warm Wellington programme.

### **2. The decision-making process and significance**

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

#### **2.1 Significance of the decision**

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines into account. As this decision is requesting a budget increase to a programme that only impacts the ratepayers who participate in the scheme officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

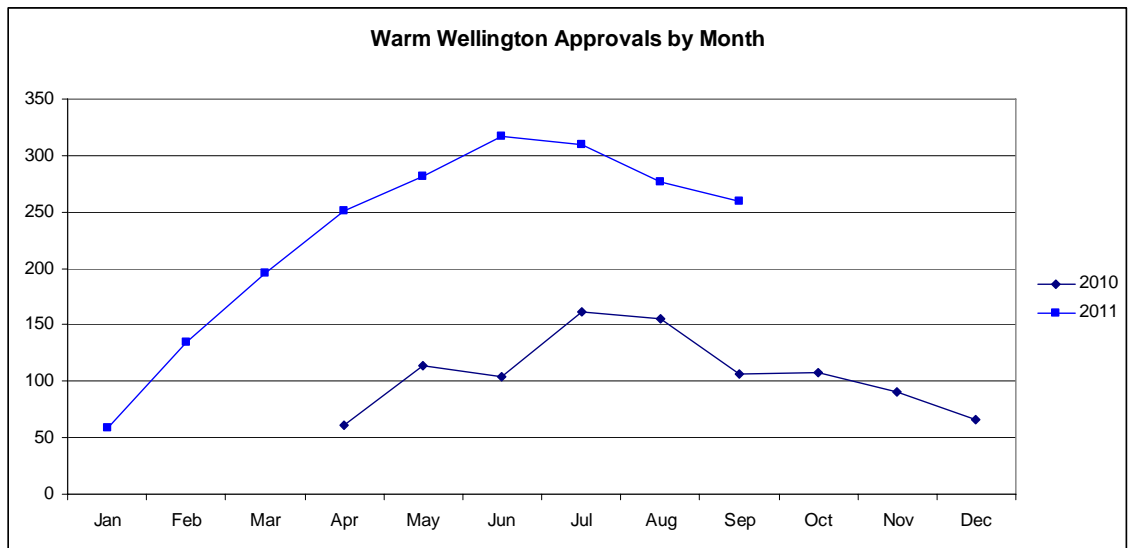
### **3. Background**

In August 2009 Council approved Greater Wellington entering into the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) Warm up New Zealand Programme (Report 09.489). At this time a budget of \$3 million per annum was approved for the project which is currently due to finish in June 2013.

### **4. Comment**

Greater Wellington's programme has been very successful in supporting residential ratepayers who take advantage of the EECA grant scheme and this paper seeks to increase the annual budget for the Warm Wellington programme.

Warm Wellington approvals are running on average double what they were last year.



Since the programme began, 2015 installations have occurred to a combined total of \$3.6 million, of which \$1.2 million is included in this financial year.

TA	No of Apps Approved	GW \$ Approved	No of Apps Installed	GW\$ Installed	GW\$ not yet installed
Carterton District Council	39	\$75,331	28	\$54,695	\$20,636
Hutt City Council	1062	\$2,202,320	781	\$1,619,786	\$582,535
Kapiti Coast District Council	206	\$375,624	132	\$250,750	\$124,874
Masterton District Council	146	\$306,704	99	\$207,032	\$99,671
Porirua City Council	318	\$654,760	193	\$393,790	\$260,970
South Wairarapa District Council	38	\$77,349	31	\$61,689	\$15,660
Upper Hutt City Council	414	\$875,450	261	\$555,799	\$319,651
Wellington City Council	797	\$1,629,063	490	\$987,811	\$641,252
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3020</b>	<b>\$6,196,601</b>	<b>2,015</b>	<b>\$4,131,352</b>	<b>\$2,065,250</b>
Excluding GST		\$5,388,349		\$3,592,480	\$1,795,869
Rated for at 30 June 2011 excluding GST			1297	\$2,329,789	
Totals for Year to 30 June 2012			718	\$1,262,691	

In order to continue to provide the assistance to ratepayers, officers recommend increasing the annual budget to \$6 million per annum. This amount should allow for approvals to be made that will be completed after year end. At this level overall debt for the programme to 30 June 2013 would increase from

around \$9 million initially expected, to \$15 million and reduce as rates are charged to those ratepayers over the following years.

## 5. Responsibilities

In Report 09.489 Council authorised, either the Chief Financial Officer, or the Finance Manager to approve the ratepayer contracts. Due to the growth of the scheme, it would be practical to provide more approvers to meet the administrative requirements of the scheme.

Officers recommend that the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer be given the authority to authorise approved officers for this task.

## 6. Communication

No communication is necessary

## 7. Recommendations

*That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves increasing the total dollar cap to \$6 million per annum excluding GST.*
4. *Authorises the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer individually to approve authorised signatories to approve applications by qualifying ratepayers.*

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