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Report 13.75

Council

Minute extract from meeting held on 20 March 2013

Report from Local Government Reform Working Party

Jane Davis, General Manager, Strategy and Community Engagement, introduced the report.

Moved

(Cr Wilde / Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Notes that on 12 December 2012 the Council resolved to work with any other council in the region to develop an integrated unitary authority model for Wellington.*
4. *Notes the Local Government Reform Working Party's report in Attachment 1.*
5. *Agrees, subject to their decisions, to consult jointly with Porirua City Council, Kapiti Coast District Council and Wellington City Council on the two models set out in Attachment 1:*
 - *One council with a single tier of decision making*
 - *One council with two tiers of decision making – a governing council and local boards*

Moved as an amendment

(Cr Ponter / Cr Bruce)

That a third model be added to section 5: modified status quo - Wellington Regional Council and existing five territorial Councils on Western side of Rimutaka plus one unitary Wairarapa Council - with active pursuit of shared or transferred services.

The motion was **LOST**.

6. *Notes that both options are viable whether or not Wairarapa is included.*
7. *Notes that consideration is being given by the Wairarapa councils on whether to advocate for a single unitary council for the Wairarapa.*
8. *Agrees with the conclusion of the Working Party that a multiple unitary authority model is not appropriate for the region.*
9. *Notes that the cost of consultation on the two models is estimated to be up to \$100,000.*
10. *Agrees to contribute up to \$70,000 to implement the communications and engagement plan.*
11. *Delegates to the Chief Executive the ability to negotiate and finalise the Council's financial contribution for the shared aspects of consultation and engagement with other participating councils, within the limit set above.*
12. *Notes that that the outcomes of the consultation and engagement process will be reported back to the Council.*
13. *Agrees that the Working Party has an ongoing role to monitor consultation, consider the outcomes of consultation and report back to the councils.*
14. *Agrees that the Chair, Deputy Chair and Co-Chair of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee to represent the Council on the Working Party.*

The motion was decided part by part.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted

Councillors Greig, Ponter and Swain requested that their votes against parts 5, 10 and 11 be recorded.