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Committee Council
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Water Supply Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2014

1. Purpose

To obtain Council approval to publish the Water Supply Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2014.

2. Background

Greater Wellington Regional Council's (GWRC) Water Supply Annual Report captures the achievements and challenges for the bulk water supply operations for the year ended 30 June 2014. It is supplementary to the GWRC Annual Report and provides our city council customers and other stakeholders with a more detailed account of our performance and work conducted throughout the year.

The Water Supply Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2014 is attached as **Attachment 1**.

Audit New Zealand is currently undertaking an audit of the financial results presented in the Water Supply Annual Report. At the time of writing, we were not certain whether the audit would be completed before this Council meeting.

Please note that a final proof-read was still to be completed at the deadline for submitting Council papers.

3. Comment

Much of the work that was completed this year was focussed on building greater resilience within our water supply network. This ranged from upgrading infrastructure to planning for future events such as earthquakes, climate change and population growth.

Officers have completed several feasibility studies as part of our planning for future events; among these were studies into the possible development of an

emergency water storage lake near Takapu Road in Porirua and a cross harbour pipeline between Lower Hutt and Wellington City.

The Long-Term Plan 2012-22 indicated a 4% increase in the water levy for the 2014/15 year. This figure has now been revised to a 2.5% increase. This reduction is because of the deferral of forecast capital expenditure for a new water source.

The Water Supply Annual Report notes a number of other achievements, all of which demonstrate an on-going story of effective business management and innovative service delivery for Greater Wellington Water.

4. Communication

The Water Supply Annual Report will be posted to our customers and other relevant stakeholders identified in our database, and a copy will be made available on our website.

5. The decision-making process and significance

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

5.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington Regional Council to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines into account. 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.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Approves the publication of the Water Supply Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2014.*

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Attachment 1: Water Supply Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2014