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## URBAN AGRICULTURE UPDATE

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### Purpose

1. To give an oral presentation of the 'A Seed and a Wish' report to the committee and provide an update on progress made with the Urban Agriculture Portfolio.

### Summary

2. The 'A Seed and a Wish Urban Agriculture in Wellington' report suggests that the council work to improve the visibility of urban agriculture around the city and make urban agriculture accessible to the wider community by:
  - Setting up a council Urban Agriculture Taskforce
  - Including edible planting in green space around the city and create a fruit tree programme.
  - Establishing an Orchard Trust
  - Incentivising community composting
  - Promoting urban agriculture and local food around council.

### Recommendation

Officers recommend that the Community, Sport and Recreation Committee:

1. Receive the information.

### Background

3. In March 2012 the Strategy and Policy committee passed the two following resolutions:
  - 1) 'Agree that council takes a facilitative role of the city's community gardens through Parks and Gardens and City Communities teams.'
  - 2) 'Agree that officers work on the opportunities and options for developing a more strategic approach to the city's food sector and urban agriculture of which community gardens are an integral part'.
4. An urban agriculture portfolio in community services was created in July 2013 to take on a facilitative role for the community gardens and to develop a more strategic approach to the food sector and urban agriculture.
5. 'A Seed and a Wish Urban Agriculture in Wellington' is a student intern report written to help identify what is happening in urban agriculture Wellington wide.
6. The above suggestions were made in response to this student report.

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## Discussion

7. This is an oral briefing to present the work we are doing to improve the visibility of urban agriculture around the city and make urban agriculture accessible to the wider community.
  
8. Currently we are piloting a fruit tree programme with 35 fruit trees being planted on council land in the next month and piloting a community compost project in Aro Valley which is due to be launched this month. We have also developed a cross council urban agriculture taskforce which will meet for the first time this month.

## Attachments

Attachment 1. A Wish and a Seed - Urban Agriculture in Wellington 2014 Report

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## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

This is an oral briefing with no consultation elements.

### **Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications emerging from this report.

### **Financial implications**

This is an oral briefing with no financial elements.

### **Policy and legislative implications**

This is an oral briefing with no policy implications.

### **Risks / legal**

This is an oral briefing with no legal elements.

### **Climate Change impact and considerations**

This is an oral briefing with no climate change impacts.

### **Communications Plan**

There is no communications plan attached to this briefing.