WELLINGTON REGIONAL AMENITIES FUND
JOINT COMMITTEE
27 September 2013

REPORT NO 1

Financial Contributions to the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund

1. Purpose of report

This paper seeks the Joint Committee's agreement on each contributing Council's level of financial support for the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund (the Fund) over the next three years.

2. Executive summary

The original terms of reference for the Fund included a forecast Fund size over five years with increasing levels of financial commitment (appendix one). Three of the contributing councils have included the increases in their Long Term Plans however Hutt City Council and Masterton District Council are supporting the Fund through their annual plan processes.

The planned size of the 2013/2014 Fund has been reduced as four of the councils have reduced their contributions and only Masterton District Council has confirmed the forecast increase for Year One of the Fund.

The uncertainty in the level of funding has impacted on the ability of the Fund to offer ongoing operational support to organisations as per the original intention in the terms of reference that set up the Fund. Clarifying the expected level of income from the Fund will enable better forward planning and communication with potential applicants.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Joint Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Agree to recommend to their incoming Councils that levels of support are agreed in principle for the next three years while not restricting the democratic right of each council to amend their level of contribution as they see fit.*

3. *Agree the Chair writes to Porirua City Council, South Wairarapa District Council and Carterton District Council suggesting that they participate in the Fund in the 2014/2015 financial year at the levels as noted in appendix four or at the fixed rate for the next three years.*

4. *Agree that the level of contribution be set (as per appendix two) on a rising scale,*
   OR
   Agree that the level of contribution be set at a fixed amount in each year (as per appendix three)

4. Conclusion

The Councils of Wellington City, Hutt City, Upper Hutt City, Masterton District and Kāpiti Coast District have agreed to jointly fund the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund.

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As agreed in 2011/2012
Total forecast Fund size with all participating councils contributing over a five year period.

This table sets out the size of the Fund and the forecast contributions of each council over the five years of the Fund as per the terms of reference when the Fund was established.

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Appendix Two

Proposed levels of contributions
Total Forecast Fund with all participating Councils contributing with a rising rate over a five year period.

This table sets out the level of funding contributions with an increase in contribution in years three to five. The Set Up and Year One figures show actual contributions to the Fund.

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Appendix Four

Proposed levels of contributions

Total Forecast Fund including all Councils in the Wellington Region contributing with a rising rate over a five year period.

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