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**REPORT 9**  
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## **REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE IN THE WELLINGTON REGION / FUNDING WELLINGTON'S REGIONAL AMENITIES**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

This report updates the Tawa Community Board on the review of governance in the Wellington region, and funding Wellington's regional amenities, two projects that the councils in the Wellington region are currently working on. Attached for the Board's information are the two reports (including meeting minutes) recently considered by Council's Strategy and Policy Committee.

### **2. Executive Summary**

#### ***Governance Review***

Legislation enacted on 22 September 2009 establishing a single Auckland unitary authority has been one of the drivers for the Wellington region to look at its governance arrangements and to review its future needs in a fast changing world. In carrying out a review, the region will have the opportunity to do its own thinking on governance, and be well placed to respond to any future government requests for change.

The Mayoral Forum agreed terms of reference to guide the review of Wellington's governance at its meeting on 26 February 2010, taking into consideration feedback from each council in the Wellington region. The terms of reference recognise the collaborative work already being undertaken across the region through the Wellington Regional Strategy and the shared services work programme.

The issues around governance for the Wellington region are complex and will take some working through. A phased approach is considered important as it will allow councils, the region and the community time to develop an understanding of the issues and have a well-informed discussion.

### ***Funding Regional Amenities***

A process for the Wellington region to explore options for funding amenities that are of regional scale and significance has been approved by the Mayoral Forum following consideration by each council. This includes the scope, approach and timeframes for a work programme reviewing the funding of regional amenities.

An oral briefing will be provided at the meeting.

### **3. Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receives the information.*

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## **Supporting Information: Governance**

### **1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome**

The terms of reference and proposed work programme supports Wellington's vision to be *an affordable, internationally competitive city*. This work will also contribute to the Council's governance strategy aims *of Wellingtonians becoming more actively involved in the direction of their communities*.

### **2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact**

The scope of research and work included in the agreed work programme will be reviewed by Wellington City Council.

### **3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

There are no Treaty of Waitangi considerations at this stage of the proposed approach, however further contact will be made with both mana whenua groups to discuss the approach and research in more detail.

### **4) Decision-Making**

This report notes decisions by the Mayoral Forum, which includes feedback from each council, on the scope of work, approach and timeframe for a review of Wellington's regional governance.

### **5) Consultation**

#### **a) General Consultation**

The terms of reference and work programme approved by the Mayoral Forum has been considered by each council.

#### **b) Consultation with Maori**

Further contact and conversations with both Wellington Tenth Trust, Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust and Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira will be undertaken.

### **6) Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications with the proposed work programme presented in the 27 November 2009 report approved by the Mayoral Forum.

### **7) Consistency with existing policy**

The paper is consistent with existing policy.

## **Supporting Information: Regional Amenities**

### **1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome**

The agreed work programme supports Wellington's vision to be *a vibrant, internationally competitive and affordable city* as well as potentially contributing a great deal to the Council's economic and cultural wellbeing aims of *supporting growth to enhance quality of life* and *shaping Wellington's unique cultural identity*. Phase Two of the work programme includes research to test community views about regional amenities. This work will contribute to the Council's governance strategy aims of *Wellingtonians becoming more actively involved in the direction of their communities*.

### **2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact**

Proposed research and work included in the work programme will be undertaken using existing resources.

### **3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

There are no Treaty of Waitangi considerations at this stage of the proposed approach, however further contact will be made with both mana whenua groups to discuss the approach and research in more detail.

### **4) Decision-Making**

This report notes decisions by the Mayoral Forum, which includes feedback from each council, on the scope of work, approach and timeframe for a review of Wellington's regional amenities.

### **5) Consultation**

#### **a) General Consultation**

Early contact has been made with some interested stakeholders including Sir David Gascoigne, NBR New Zealand Opera; Gisella Carr, Te Papa; Sir Ron Scott; Sue Paterson, New Zealand International Arts Festival; Pat Stuart, Wellington Museums Trust, Amanda Skoog, Royal New Zealand Ballet and Karen Fifield, Wellington Zoo. Further contact and conversations with a range of other amenities will also be undertaken.

#### **b) Consultation with Maori**

Both Wellington Tenth Trust, Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust and Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira have been provided with a report on the project, and further contact and conversations with both groups will be undertaken.

### **6) Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications with the proposed work programme presented in the 27 November 2009 report approved by the Mayoral Forum.

### **7) Consistency with existing policy**

The paper is consistent with existing policy.