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**REPORT 2**  
(1215/52/IM)

**Report of the Council Controlled Organisation Performance  
Subcommittee  
Meeting of Monday 17 October 2011**

**Members: Mayor Wade-Brown, Denise Church, Alan Isaac (Chair), Councillors  
Coughlan, Marsh and Ritchie.**

**THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:**

1. **ITEM 033/11FM REVIEW OF THE 2010/11 ANNUAL REPORTS  
AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF COUNCIL  
CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS**  
(1215/52/02/IM) (REPORT 1)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Note the following matters with regard to the 2010/11 performance of  
Council Controlled Organisations:*
  - (a) *The Basin Reserve Trust had a good year in 2010/11 in terms of  
number of cricket and other sports events and event days;  
however, revenue was well below target. The Trust will continue  
to monitor and implement security strategies to ensure that the  
Basin Reserve remains safe and accessible to patrons and the  
public. Issues remain concerning how the remaining deferred  
maintenance work will be prioritised and funded. The Trust will  
continue to engage with Transport New Zealand on plans for  
roading development around the Basin Reserve, and will bring  
various options for mitigating any impact on the ground to the  
Council before any building agreements are signed.*
  - (b) *Capacity delivered most scheduled work for the year, although  
it was under-budget on Wellington City Council's capital  
programme. The Company met the majority of its performance  
targets and continued to make significant progress on  
unaccounted-for water. Estimated unaccounted-for water in  
Wellington is now 14% of water supplied, down from 21% three  
years ago.*

- (c) *Positively Wellington Tourism has achieved growth in a number of areas within a challenging economic climate. With Christchurch affected by successive earthquakes and traditional long-haul markets struggling, the launch of the large-scale promotional campaign for the Wellington region in Australia was important. Wellington maintained its 24% international market share and opportunities will continue to be explored in the Asian markets.*
- (d) *Although there was a strong “business as usual” focus to the year, a lot of work was put in to preparations for winding up the St James Theatre Charitable Trust and for operations to transfer to the new Wellington Venues Ltd Council Controlled Organisation.*
- (e) *At the time of this report going to print, officers had not received Wellington Cable Car Ltd's 2010/11 annual report.*
- (f) *The Wellington Museums Trust had a successful year, reporting a less than budgeted deficit. It delivered a strong range of exhibitions and events to an audience of 653,344 visitors, with more than 70,000 students attending the Trust's education programmes. Visitor numbers were higher than last year, but lower than target.*
- (g) *Wellington Venues Ltd began trading on 1 February 2011 managing the operations of the former Wellington Convention Centre and the Company worked to get the systems and processes in place for the transition of the St James Charitable Trust operations into the entity on 1 July.*
- (h) *Key Wellington Waterfront Ltd projects in 2010/11 included the development of the Wharewaka and Taranaki Street Wharf public space, the Kumutoto toilets and maintenance on the Chaffers Marina. Also, significant planning work was undertaken to develop the Fanzone and related activities on the waterfront as part of Rugby World Cup 2011.*
- (i) *Wellington Zoo Trust had a very successful year in 2010/11. It increased visitors by 7% over last year to 196,267; this represents the highest level of visitors recorded for the Zoo for at least the last 45 years and was well ahead of its visitor target of 187,810.*
- (j) *Highlights for the year for Wellington Regional Stadium Trust included that the contract for the IRB International Sevens tournament was secured for Wellington until 2016, the problems with the exterior cladding and the roof at the Stadium were*

*largely resolved, and work scheduled as part of the Rugby World Cup preparations was completed on or ahead of time.*

- (k) While ZEALANDIA has sufficient funding to maintain operations through 2011/12 and into 2012/13 its future viability depends on the success of the strategic actions undertaken and planned by the Trust to improve visitor numbers. The Trust has signalled that it will be seeking operational funding support from a range of sources, including the Council for consideration as part of the 2012/22 Long Term Plan and that they be requested to supply that by 30 November 2011.*

**Alan Isaac**  
**Chair**