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**REPORT 1**  
*(1215/52/IM)*

## **CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS: PORIRUA HARBOUR AND CATCHMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

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

This paper recommends that the Committee considers and agree the submissions and recommendations of the joint councils hearing committee following written and oral submissions on the Draft Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan.

### **2. Executive Summary**

In August 2111 SPC agreed the release of the draft Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan for public consultation.

Over 23 submissions were received. Six supporting oral submission were heard by a Joint Hearing Committee (an elected representative from Porirua City Council, Wellington City Council and chaired by a representative from Te Runanga O Toa Rangatira.

### **3. Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Adopt the recommendations as set out in the joint hearing committee report (attached as appendix 1 to this report).*
- 3. Note that the implementation of Draft Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan is expected to have negligible, if any, impact on Wellington City Council budgets.*
- 4. Note that should any financial impacts become apparent, these will be included for consideration in the development of the Asset Management Plans and Long-term Plan for 2012/22.*

## 4. Background

Porirua Harbour is currently exposed to a range of man-made impacts that are degrading the environment. Current urbanisation and transport networks are a constant challenge to the use and quality of the harbour waters. Planned and potential future development has potential to hasten this degradation.

A multi agency draft *Harbour and Catchment Management Strategy and Action Plan*, lead by joint councils (Porirua City Council with Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council) and Te Runanga O Toa Rangatira has been developed to restore harbour health.

## 5. Consultation

The preparation and release of a draft Strategy followed two specific consultations with the harbour catchment community, and deliberate liaison with, and participation of, key local community groups and key regional and national agencies.

The joint councils, Runanga and agencies draft Strategy was publically notified at the end of August 2011 and closed 30 September 2011.

A four person hearing panel was established of delegates form the three councils and the Runanga to consider written and supporting oral submissions. The delegates were Rawiri Faulkner (Te Runanga O Toa Rangatira), Cllr Liz Kelly (Porirua City Council), Cllr Ngaire Best (Wellington City Council) and Cllr Barbara Donaldson (Greater Wellington Regional Council). Mr Faulkner chaired the panel.

At the end of the submission period 23 written submissions had been received of which 6 requested to be heard in support of their submission. A public hearing was held on Tuesday 11 October at Puna Ora, Takapuwahia Marae.

All written and oral submissions were considered by the Joint Hearing Committee. Attached is the Report of the Hearing Committee outlining matters raised by the submission, the panel recommendations and explanations regarding the recommendations.

The report has been considered by Porirua City Council on 24 November. It has also been forwarded to Greater Wellington Regional Council for consideration at their respective meeting on 15 December.

Recommendations the councils and Runanga accept from the Hearing Report will be appropriately actioned and/or incorporated into the Final *Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan*.

## **6. Conclusion**

Council is asked to adopt the report and recommendations of the Joint Hearing Committee on the draft *Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan*.

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## **Supporting Information**

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

*The Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan contributes to Councils aim to protect and enhance Wellington's environment.*

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

*Most of the actions contained in the strategy are currently underway and funded. No further costs are expected.*

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

*Te Runanga O Toa Rangatira are stakeholders and have been involved in the preparation of this strategy.*

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

*The decision to release the proposed strategy for consultation is not a significant decision. The proposed strategy and action plan is, however, important for the future environmental health of Porirua Harbour. The contribution the Council makes to this process is instrumental in achieving this goal.*

### **5) Consultation**

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

*All affected parties have been identified and consulted. More general consultation is proposed.*

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

*Mana whenua have been involved in the whole process. This has been managed by PCC staff.*

### **6) Legal Implications**

*No legal implications.*

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

*This report contains measures that are consistent with Wellington City Council policy.*