

WELLINGTON REGIONAL AMENITIES FUND JOINT COMMITTEE

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REPORT NO 3

REPORT FROM THE NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL

1. Purpose of report

This paper seeks the Joint Committee's agreement on the request from the New Zealand Festival for funding towards research and a business case for a new New Zealand Festival model as per the preferred option from the report *Growing New Zealand's Cultural Capital*.

2. Executive summary

The Wellington Regional Amenities Fund supported the New Zealand Festival to produce a feasibility study into the New Zealand Festival model in the 2013/2014 round of the Fund. This report has been completed and the summary is attached to this paper.

The report identified a preferred new model for the Festival and further work is required to fully develop this model. Their proposal is attached to this paper.

In order to have their business case considered for Wellington City Council's Long Term Plan, this work must be started before expressions of interests are considered in the upcoming round of the Fund. The New Zealand Festival is asking the Joint Committee to consider their proposal outside of the usual process.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Joint Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that either:*
 - a) *The expression of interest from the Festival will be considered alongside other applications in the usual process for the Fund, or*
 - b) *Approval is made for \$132,200 towards research and developing a business case for the new New Zealand Festival (grant does not include contingency amount)*

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