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Report to Policy and Finance Committee
from Stuart Macaskill, Chairman

Local Government New Zealand – Proposed changes to Constitution

1. Purpose

To consider proposed changes to the Constitution of *Local Government New Zealand*.

2. Background and Comment

Local Government New Zealand's Annual General Meeting on 18 July is to consider a package of proposed constitutional changes. The changes are in response to the difficulties that emerged last year and combine simple house keeping, with fix-ups to real short comings in the current constitution, as well as initiatives designed to enhance representation on the National Council.

Generally, I support the changes, although I have misgivings about the proposal to reduce the number of Vice-Presidents from two to one but acknowledge the issue has been widely discussed.

The Amendments are appended (**Attachment 1**) and relate to:

- (1) Authority to call a Special General Meeting
- (2) Request a Special Election for President
- (3) Right to Appoint an Acting President
- (4) Election of Vice-President using Preferential Voting
- (5) Presidential Voting Systems
- (6) Length of Terms of Officer Holders
- (7) Other matters such as –

- Members of the National Council
- Date of Annual General Meeting
- Voting at Meetings
- Appointment of Auditor

Recommendation

That the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (a) *Receive the Report; and*
- (b) *Recommend to Council that WRC representatives at the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on 18 July vote in favour of the proposed rule changes.*

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Chairman

Attachment 1: Proposed Amendments