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Proposed Wellington Regional Triennial Agreement

1. Purpose

For the Council to consider endorsing the proposed Triennial Agreement for this region, as required under the Local Government Act 2002.

2. Background

A new provision in law is that there shall be an agreement between all the authorities in a region setting out protocols as to how they will work together for the good of the community, and incorporating as a specific a protocol covering new regional activities. The first such agreement is required by 31 December 2003.

3. Comment

The attached proposed Triennial Agreement has been drawn up by the Chief Executives of the region, and is a version that has been agreed by the Mayoral Forum. Whilst I might have drafted sections of the agreement differently, as there seems to me to be an excessive level of bureaucratic language and procedure in the current draft, I can see little value in pursuing drafting changes. The substantive content should be acceptable to this authority. I, therefore, recommend that the agreement should be signed by the Chairperson on behalf of the Council, subject to similar agreement to the draft from all other councils.

There is one minor matter which I think still needs to be addressed and that is whether or not the agreement should also cover the Tararua District. Councillors will be aware that a small part of that district is included within our region and, following the letter of the law, it could be argued that the Tararua District Council also needs to be party to the agreement. Therefore, acceptance of this draft needs to have the caveat that this one question is resolved.

4. Recommendation

That the Policy, Finance & Strategy Committee recommends to Council that the proposed Wellington Regional Triennial Agreement, as attached to this report, be endorsed and the Chairperson authorised to sign accordingly, provided that:

- 1) All other Councils within this region also confirm the agreement; and*
- 2) That the question of inclusion or otherwise of the Tararua District Council in the agreement shall be satisfactorily resolved.*

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