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WREMO Budget 2013-2014

1. Purpose

To request the Joint Committee (CDEM Group) to approve the WREMO budget for 2013 – 2014.

2. Background

Currently WREMO is operating from a budget assembled from traditional cost data (2011 – 2012) provided by the individual territorial authorities and Greater Wellington.

In addition to WREMO funding, TAs and Greater Wellington provide for the costs of running their EOCs/ECC and those activities specific to their council.

3. Cost placement philosophy (split principles)

The split principles are intended to shape demarcation decisions and are as follows:

1. WREMO costs are administered to cater for staff, vehicles, training of council and WREMO staff, personal communications, advertising, travel, administration, material and operating systems. These are all costs associated with running WREMO plus things that are a true cost to the region.
2. Territorial Authorities and Greater Wellington are responsible for costs specific to that council or authorised based on “user pays”. For the TAs these costs include costs associated with EOCs (activation, buildings and services, resources, maintenance and static communications equipment, corporate overheads and council-specific projects, e.g. ReadyNet, watertanks, Tsunami Blue Lines, and Response Teams. Greater Wellington is responsible for the Emergency Co-ordination Centre costs (similar to TA EOCs).

4. Proposed budget for 2013 – 2014

At the respective meetings of the CEG Sub Committee (12 October 2012) and the CEG (26 October 2012) it was decided that the WREMO budget for 2013 – 2014 should be held at a 2% increase.

The proposed budget (attached as **Attachment 1**) shows a standard increase of 5.4% and a reduced budget with only a 2% increase.

Please note some costs have been rationalised as a result of the creation of WREMO and the ability of taking a single regional approach in delivering CDEM services. It is also difficult to produce a realistic bottom up budget based on a mere 3 months operating experience.

The reduced (2%) budget has been compared against a standard budget based on current expenditure levels adjusted for known expenditure variations. This resulted in a 5.4% increase.

Both standard and reduced figures have been apportioned against the pro rata formula resulting in increases for Greater Wellington, Wellington City and Hutt City.

5. Recommendation

That CDEM Group:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Approves the 'reduced' WREMO budget for 2013 – 2014.*

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Attachment 1: Proposed budget