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New financial delegations approach

1. Purpose

To inform the Risk and Assurance Committee of the recent financial delegation review undertaken by Democratic Services.

2. Background and comment

Democratic Services has undertaken a review of Greater Wellington Regional Council's financial delegations structure. Financial delegations are different from statutory delegations as they set out agreed internal processes rather than a devolution of powers given to the Council.

The previous financial delegation process involved delegating to a person and position. Since the last delegations review in 2006, a change to the Local Government Act 2002 provides for a delegation to be given to position only. This has allowed the delegations framework to be simplified, and will eliminate the generation of unnecessary paperwork. Officers received legal advice on the new framework and note that this change will align Greater Wellington Regional Council's delegation processes with other many councils and public sector agencies.

The new approach also provides for a single Instrument of Delegation to be issued by the Chief Executive, rather than for the multiple instruments of delegation and sub-delegation previously issued by various officers. This enhances the integrity of the overall delegation framework.

The new Instrument of Delegation signed by the Chief Executive took effect from 12 September 2014. The Instrument of Delegation is attached to this report (**Attachment 1**) for your information.

3. Review of statutory delegations

The principles of this review will inform an upcoming review of Greater Wellington Regional Council's statutory delegations framework, in particular the concept of delegation to a position rather than person and position.

4. Communication

No external communication is required. Internal communication with staff has been completed.

5. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

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