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Report on the Risk and Assurance Committee meeting, 13 May 2015

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Risk and Assurance Committee (the Committee) meeting of 13 May 2015.

2. Reports

2.1 Performance Reports for the Quarter ended 31 March 2015

The Committee discussed the performance report for the quarter ended 31 March 2015. This included the quarterly reviews from People and Capability, Finance and Support – ICT, and Strategy and Community Engagement – Communications.

The Committee noted that the GWRC 2015 Gallup engagement survey had been completed and the results would be reported to the Chief Executive Employment Review Committee as part of the Chief Executive's performance review. The Committee noted two incidents had occurred to GWRC employees during the current quarter, which were at the lower end of the spectrum of the statutory definition of 'serious harm'. As required by law, these incidents were reported to Worksafe New Zealand, and no further action is being taken by Worksafe New Zealand.

The Committee noted the richness of information provided in the performance reports and considered that the information should be drawn on to assist the public's understanding and awareness of GWRC's activities.

2.2 Summary Risk Report

The Committee was updated on two additions to the risk register. The risk relating to the economic development activity of WREDA was changed to medium given the new ownership and committee structure. A new risk was added for water supply capacity which could be reduced due to quality issues in the well field. The Committee were advised that Wellington Water were proactively managing this. The residual level of risk was medium.

2.3 Catchment Management presentation

Wayne O'Donnell gave a PowerPoint presentation on risk management within the catchment management group. He mentioned the potential for the use of drones to record river conditions and that legislation regarding drones is being developed.

2.4 Health and Safety Assessment Review

The committee was informed of the recent internal review of GWRC's health and safety management system, required for their participation in the ACC Workplace Safety Management Practice Programme. It was noted that there is an opportunity to improve the connection between occupational health monitoring results from across GWRC to inform the review of hazard and risk management processes.

2.5 ICT Shared Services Project

The committee was updated on the ICT Shared Services Project which involves GWRC, Wellington Water, Porirua City Council, Upper Hutt City Council and Wellington City Council. It was noted that a detailed business case is currently underway in order to determine whether the project should progress further. It was further noted that GWRC would only support the project if it was determined that the project would be at least cost-neutral for it.

2.6 Hedging presentation

Chris Gray gave a PowerPoint Presentation to the Committee on the hedging strategy of GWRC. The Committee requested that the slides from this PowerPoint presentation are used as an induction resource for new Councillors.

3. Communication

No external communication is required.

4. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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