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Report to the Policy and Finance Committee  
from Greg Schollum, Chief Financial Officer

**Stadium Trust: Half Year Report**

1. **Purpose**

To receive the Stadium Trust half year report for the period 1 July 2001 to 31 December 2001 (refer **Attachment 1**).

2. **Background**

The funding deed signed by the Wellington Regional Council, Wellington City Council and the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust requires the trust to report to the two settlors (WRC/WCC) each six months. In conjunction with the receipt of the report each six months, the Stadium Trust also provides a briefing to give Councillors the opportunity to ask any questions relating to the Stadium. No date has yet been set for this briefing.

3. **Comment on the half year report to 31 December 2001**

The attached report reflects further positive reporting from the Stadium Trust.

The Stadium Trustees report that they have met budget in the first six months of 2001/02 while holding an excellent calendar of events (including the first ever concert at the Stadium).

Councillors will be aware that the Stadium Trust has recently changed catering arrangements which should further increase patron satisfaction.

Notwithstanding the overall positive flavour of the report, some areas of risk are noted including pressure on rates expenditure and insurance expenditure.

These are in addition to the now longstanding taxation issue.

All of these matters have the potential to reduce the level of surplus funds which may be generated in future. It appears that the Trust is doing what it can to manage any potential cost increases.

The Trust balance sheet looks solid, particularly if the limited recourse loans are added to equity as follows  $\frac{\$ 48.5 \text{ million}}{\$123.8 \text{ million}} = 39\%$  equity

**4. Communications**

It is expected that the Stadium Trust's positive results will continue to be well reported.

**5. Recommendations**

*That the Committee recommends that the Council receives the report and notes its contents.*

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Chief Financial Officer

**Attachment 1:** Stadium Trust: Half Year Report 2001