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Report to Environment Committee
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Revision of the Upper Hutt City Council Civil Defence Plan

1. Purpose

To advise the Committee about the revision of a territorial local authority Civil Defence Plan as required by Section 35 (2) of the Civil Defence Act 1983.

2. Background

The current Upper Hutt City Council Civil Defence Plan expired on 22 July 2002. The Upper Hutt City Council requested a three-month extension to the renewal date for its Civil Defence Plan to enable their Council to incorporate on-going changes in Emergency Management into the Plan. The Wellington Regional Council approved the extension on 24 June 2002 (Report 02.327). A further request for another three-month extension was received from the Upper Hutt City Council and that approval was given on 17 October 2002 (Report 02.637). The extensions were in accordance with Section 36(3) of the Civil Defence Act 1983.

3. Revised Plan

In accordance with Section 36 of the Civil Defence Act 1983, a new Plan has been prepared to replace the existing plan. The new Plan has been received from Upper Hutt City Council and meets the requirements of the Wellington Regional Council. The Plan is consistent with and gives effect to the operative Regional Civil Defence Plan.

The Plan requires the approval of the Wellington Regional Council in accordance with Section 35 of the Civil Defence Act 1983. It will become operative on the date it is approved by the Wellington Regional Council, and will remain so until the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group Plan is approved by the CDEM Group.

The new Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, which commences on 1 December 2002, requires that a CDEM Group Plan be developed within two years after formation of the CDEM Group. In the meantime, all Civil Defence Plans need to be effective and operative.

3. **Communication**

No further communication is necessary for this report.

4. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee:

(1) ***Approve the Upper Hutt City Council Civil Defence Plan.***

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