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Inquiry into the 2004 Local Authority Elections

1. Purpose

To enable members to develop a response to the Justice and Electoral Select Committee review of the 2004 local authority elections.

2. Significance of Decision

The matters in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger Section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

The Justice and Electoral Select Committee resolved to initiate an inquiry into the 2004 local authority elections. The terms of reference for the inquiry are included as **Attachment 1** to this Report.

Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) has prepared a draft submission for the Select Committee inquiry, and is seeking comments from member authorities (**Attachment 2**). Greater Wellington can also choose to make its own submission.

4. Comment

LGNZ's draft submission provides a useful starting point for considering Greater Wellington's response to the inquiry.

It is recommended that the Sub-committee work through the submission point by point and provide feedback for officers to prepare a response to *LGNZ*. It is also recommended that the Sub-committee determine whether Greater Wellington should make its own submission to the Select Committee

5. Communications

The outcomes of the Sub-committee's deliberations will be passed on to *LGNZ*.

6. Recommendations

That the Sub-committee:

- (1) **provide** feedback on Local Government New Zealand's draft submission to the Justice and Electoral Select Committee on its inquiry into the 2004 local authority elections.
- (2) **determine** if Greater Wellington should make its own submission to the Select Committee.

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Attachment 1: Terms of Reference
Attachment 2: LGNZ's draft submission