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Local Government Commission Determination

1. Purpose

To receive and outline the Local Government Commission determination of the representation arrangements to apply for the election of the Wellington Regional Council to be held on 13 October 2007 (Determination).

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision 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

Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) commenced reviewing its representation arrangements in December 2005. On 12 September 2006 Greater Wellington adopted its final representation proposal. Greater Wellington received a number of appeals and objections to its final proposal. On 18 December 2006 the Local Government Commission met at Greater Wellington's Council Chamber to hear from Greater Wellington and appellants and objectors to the Council's final representation proposal.

On 5 April 2007 the Local Government Commission released its determination of the representation arrangements for the Wellington Regional Council to apply to the upcoming triennial election.

3.1 The Determination

The Determination departs from the Council's final proposal in three ways:

- (i) Kapiti remains a distinct constituency;
- (ii) the area of the existing Porirua Constituency is enlarged to include Tawa, and this constituency is renamed as the

Porirua-Tawa Constituency. The number of councillors elected from this constituency increases from one to two; and

- (iii) the number of councillors elected from the Wairarapa Constituency reduces from two to one.

3.2 The next review

Under the Local Electoral Act 2001 at least one review of these representation arrangements must be undertaken within six years following the date of the Determination. This means that Greater Wellington must undertake its next review for either the 2010 or 2013 local election.

4. Communications

The Local Government Commission is required to publicly notify its determination. A summary of the Determination has been placed on Greater Wellington's website, along with information on how to access the Determination.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee recommends that Council:

1. **Receive the report.**
2. **Note the content of the report.**

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Attachment 1: The Local Government Commission determination of the representation arrangements to apply for the election of the Wellington Regional Council to be held on 13 October 2007