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Biodiversity six-month report to 31 December 2008

1. Purpose

To present to the Council the biodiversity six month review to 31 December 2008. This report follows as **Attachment 1**.

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

Biodiversity is a core function of Greater Wellington reflecting our responsibilities under the resource management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993. Although delivered by a number of departments, and frequently by cross-divisional groups, the Council's biodiversity activities are treated as components of one programme.

This overall programme is guided by the Council's *Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2008 – 2012*.

4. Highlights of the six months

The report demonstrates that the Council's biodiversity programmes involve a wide range of sectors of the community including individual landowners, community groups and partnerships with other public agencies.

Some highlights from the six month period include:

- Achieving the first successes resulting from implementing the Coastal and marine ecosystems Action Plan. Dunelands in private and TA ownership have been the forgotten ecosystem type in our region but we are now

working with a number of individuals and TAs to get areas fenced to exclude stock and vehicles and to get weed species controlled.

- Greater Wellington staff have had a significant input into the Wairarapa Biodiversity Strategy produced by the three Wairarapa councils. The strategy has been adopted by the Combined Wairarapa District Plan committee and its implementation will be overseen by multi-agency steering group of which Greater Wellington will be an active member.

5. Communication

Success stories resulting from the Council's biodiversity programmes are regularly communicated through council publications and press releases.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. **Receives the report; and**
2. **Notes the content.**

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Attachment 1: Biodiversity six month review to 31 December 2008