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Triennial Agreement

1. Purpose

For the Council to endorse the proposed Triennial Agreement for the 2010-13 triennium and to authorise the Chair to finalise and sign the Triennial Agreement.

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

The Local Government Act 2002 requires that all the local authorities in the Wellington Region enter into a Triennial Agreement amongst themselves which sets out how they will work together for the good governance of their districts, cities and region by acting co-operatively and collaboratively. The Triennial Agreement for the 2010-2013 triennium is required to be in place by 1 March 2011. A Triennial Agreement was in place in the previous triennium.

The agreement has now been updated with minor changes that reflect the amendments made to the Local Government Act 2002 by the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2010. The proposed agreement records two additional regional forums, LGNZ Zone Four and the CDEM Group joint committee, and includes two additional items, Wellington governance and regional amenities, on which the Wellington region's local authorities will meet to develop common approaches for the region. A copy of the draft agreement showing tracked changes to the previous Triennial Agreement is attached as *Attachment 1* to this report.

The draft agreement has been circulated to the region's local authorities for comment. As some changes may be necessary as a result of the consultation it is appropriate that the Chair be authorised, in consultation with the Chief

Executive, to finalise the agreement provided that the changes do not significantly alter the key elements of the agreement.

4. Communication

The territorial authorities in the Wellington Region will be informed of the Council's decision to endorse and sign the agreement.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Endorses the proposed Triennial Agreement for the 2010-2013 triennium.***
4. ***Authorises the Council Chair, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to make any final changes to the Triennial Agreement resulting from the consultation with the region's territorial authorities, provided that the changes do not alter the key elements of the agreement.***
5. ***Authorises the Council Chair to sign the Triennial Agreement on behalf of the Council.***

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Attachment 1: Triennial Agreement