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Report on the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting 12 October 2011

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee that took place on 12 October 2011.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Report

3.1 Seismic standard for water supply buildings and associated structures

It is proposed that Greater Wellington review all water supply buildings and structures over the next three years as most were built to an earlier building standard. While the Building Act does not require those structures that are not considered earthquake prone to be upgraded, the Committee agreed that any structural upgrade of water supply buildings and associated structures will endeavour to meet 100% of AS/NZS 1170 where practicable and cost-effective. The high standard of design recognises that water supply is an essential service that will need to be able to function following a major earthquake event.

3.2 Queen Elizabeth Park: Heritage Precinct

The Committee discussed establishing a heritage precinct at Queen Elizabeth Park. The Parks Network Plan includes provision for a heritage precinct and a study was commissioned to explore the feasibility of a precinct. It also looked at the option of a suite of heritage attractions in the park. The Committee agreed that a decentralised suite of attractions which build on the heritage and values of the Park was the preferred option. This option has the ability to be developed incrementally with a lower level of up front investment. The

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Committee noted however, that a decentralised suite would not prohibit the placing of heritage attractions near the MacKay's Crossing entrance.

The next step in the process is the planning and design stage and officers are to begin discussions with representatives from the Printing Museum regarding a potential site at Mackay's Crossing.

3.3 General Managers' report

Officers are working with the Kapiti US Marines Trust and the BIKE Trust to develop a plan for the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the US Marines encampment at Queen Elizabeth Park during the Second World War.

The Committee noted that the planned seismic enhancement work and increased storage capacity for Lake 2 of the Stuart Macaskill lakes has begun.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. **Receives** the report.
- 2. *Notes* the content of the report.

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