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Report on the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting 10 September 2013

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee that took place on 10 September 2013.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Report

3.1 Water Supply Demand Reduction

The Committee discussed the water supply demand reduction information, which was requested in the previous meeting. It is estimated that the reduction in water use is likely due to a number of factors including leak reduction, improving efficiency of fitting and fixtures, housing and development types, communication and changing usage behaviours. It was noted that while Greater Wellington Regional Council's Water Supply Group is able to achieve an accurate measurement of water use at the bulk water supply level, within each city water demand is generally only measured (metred) for commercial and services customers, resulting in a large portion of 'unmetered' demand. As a result, the water use information attributed to different sectors of water use within cities is estimated, based on various assumptions that introduce significant uncertainty.

The Committee noted the importance of social awareness for the continued reduction in water supply demand.

3.2 General Managers' report to the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee on 10 September 2013

The Committee discussed the 200 litre water tank and rainwater collection kit, which was developed by the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) to provide households in the Wellington Region with an easy and affordable emergency water supply.

It was noted that, while the water tanks went on sale to the public on 22 July, there has not yet been an official launch. Due to the popularity of the tanks, officers advised that any large scale launch should occur once suppliers are able to comfortably meet demand. In the meantime, the tanks will continue to be advertised to the public by the territorial authorities. There will also be an article in the upcoming *Our Region*.

3.3 Year-end review for the year ending 30 June 2013

The Committee discussed the year-end review for the Water Supply Group and the ecological monitoring of the Hutt River.

The Committee acknowledged that the reports on the implementation of the Hutt River Low Flow Management Plan and the Hutt River Ecological Monitoring Plan, which are currently being prepared, will provide valuable information to Hutt Valley residents about causes of pollution in the Hutt River.

The Committee received confirmation from officers that there is no further investigation work being carried out on the Whakatikei dam option for a new water storage facility.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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