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## **Wairarapa Water Use Project Governance Group - review of chairperson's remuneration**

### **1. Purpose**

To seek the Council's approval of an increase to the honorarium for the chairperson of the Wairarapa Water Use Project Governance Group (WWUPGG) based on workload, and to reflect this through a change to WWUPGG's terms of reference.

### **2. Background**

WWUPGG is an advisory body that provides governance oversight of the Wairarapa Water Use Project and provides recommendations to Greater Wellington Regional Council on future aspects of the project.

The current terms of reference for the WWUPGG set out that the chairperson is eligible to receive a taxable annual honorarium of \$5,000. The honorarium is in addition to standard meeting fees, mileage allowances or reimbursement for travel expenses as determined by Council.

#### **2.1 Remuneration review for WWUPGG chairperson**

As the work of the WWUPGG has progressed, the tasks undertaken by the chairperson have increased, resulting in a greater amount of time being spent on WWUPGG matters. By way of example, the chairperson is involved in meetings, presentations, facilitating discussions with interested parties, and participating in workshops and fieldtrips. The commitment to this project by the Chairperson of the WWUPGG would currently be in the vicinity of a day per week, and substantially more at times of high workload.

### **3. Proposed remuneration increase**

It is proposed that based on additional workload the honorarium for the chairperson should increase from \$5,000 per annum to \$10,000 per annum.

This change would be effective from the date of Council approval.

### **3.1 Funding implications**

The additional costs involved in increasing the honorarium will be able to be absorbed within the existing Wairarapa Water Use Project budget.

## **4. Communication**

The chairperson of WWUPGG will be advised of the Council's decision.

## **5. The decision-making process and significance**

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

### **5.1 Significance of the decision**

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking into account the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines. Due to the procedural nature of this decision officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

### **5.2 Engagement**

Due to its procedural nature and low significance, no engagement on this matter has been undertaken.

## **6. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Approves an amendment to the terms of reference for the Wairarapa Water Use Project Governance Group to provide for the Chairperson of the Wairarapa Water Use Project Governance Group to receive a taxable annual honorarium of \$10,000, effective immediately.*

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