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Report to the Policy and Finance Committee
from Greg Schollum, Chief Financial Officer

Stadium Trust: Quarterly Report to 30 June 1999

1. Purpose

To receive the Stadium Trust quarterly report for the period 1 April – 30 June 1999.

2. Background

The funding deed signed by the Wellington Regional Council, Wellington City Council and the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust requires the Trust to produce quarterly reports on progress during the construction period (6 monthly reports thereafter).

The receipt of the attached report from the Trust dated 30 June 1999 is a formal component of Council's governance framework over the Trust.

3. Comment on the June Quarter Report

The attached report for the June quarter indicates continued positive progress on the Stadium project. Commenting in turn on the headings included in the Stadium Trust's report:

3.1 Governance Structure

It is good to see that the governance changes made earlier this year by the Trust are now full operational.

3.2 **Construction Progress**

Construction progress continues to be on track for a 31 December 1999 completion with all the pieces of the puzzle coming together.

The Trust is still forecasting project costs to be within the revised budget set as part of the bank refinancing proposal late last year. (Councillors will recall the Trust revising their budget for both project cost and capital funding raising which necessitated an increase in bank funding.)

3.3 **Capital Fund Raising**

The Trust's membership sales have been very successful during the June quarter and demand now looks to be outstripping supply which should ensure a steady pace of sales of the remaining memberships.

It is pleasing to see that the Trust now believe they will not become a taxable entity. This is consistent with the assumption made in the Trust business plan.

3.4 **Operational Matters**

All matters appear to be progressing well and the securing of the Edinburgh Tattoo should provide a big boost to the opening session.

4. **Recommendation**

That the report be received and the contents noted.

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Chief Financial Officer

Attachment 1: Quarterly Report June 1999 – dated 30 June 1999